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HIGHLIGHTS

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate moves higher to 3.4% in September; the State's rate still remains among the lowest in the Nation.
- Deile Donne & Associates announce plans for a 30-story office building in Wilmington to house WSFS; the new building will be the tallest in the State.
- S. Hallock duPont family holdings are proposed for multi-use development with more than 500 acres of the 2,000-acre parcel designated for park land.
- Linpro Company announced plans for Towerside, a 120,000-square-foot retail center in the Christiana Gateway Project in Wilmington.
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- General Foods officials are studying the efficiency of the Dover plant and a similar plant in Indiana. Any recommended changes at the Dover location as a result of the study will be delayed pending consideration of the recently completed Kraft Foods merger.
- Bank of Delaware announced it has agreed to merge with PNC Financial Corporation of Pittsburgh. Bank of Delaware will maintain its name, management, and employees while gaining access to the resource base of this large regional bank.
- John Wanamaker's announced construction of their new store at the Christiana Mall will begin in the Spring.
- Sheffield Farms, a 121-lot housing development is underway in north Dover.
- North American Housing Corporation, a manufactured homes builder located in the Georgetown Industrial Park announced plans to increase manufacturing capacity from 7,000 square-feet to 12,000 square-feet by the fall of 1989.

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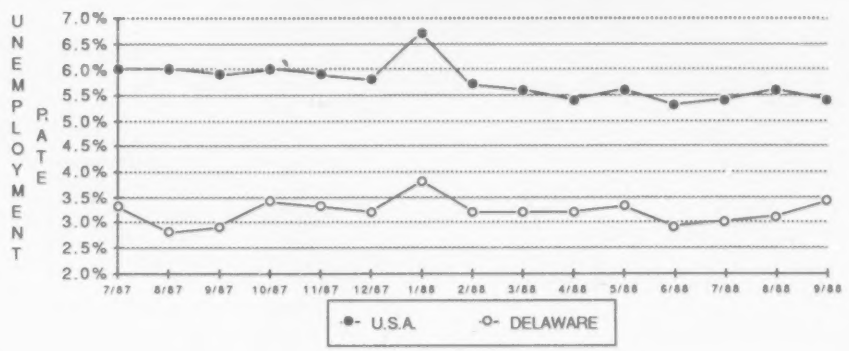
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly over the quarter, opening in July at 3.0 percent, moving to 3.1 percent in August, and finishing in September at 3.4 percent. Delaware continued to maintain one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively constant ending the quarter at 5.4 percent just one-tenth of a percent above the low for the year recorded in June.

The Delaware unadjusted unemployment rates fell from 3.1 percent in July and August to 2.9 percent in September.

U. S. A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JULY 1987 - SEPTEMBER 1988



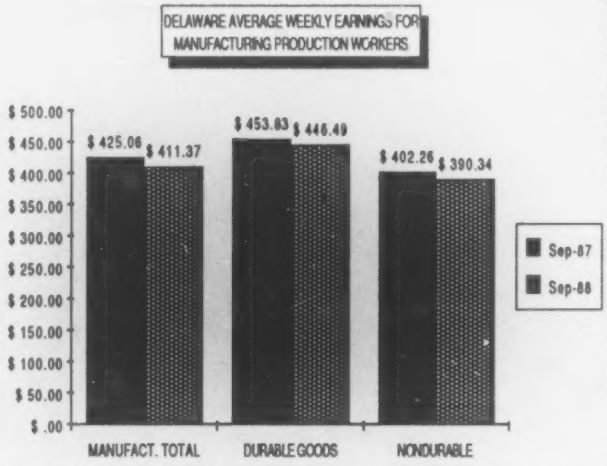
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased due to seasonal factors in August and September, ending the quarter at 333,700. Decreases occurred in Retail Trade (especially eating and drinking places); Local Government (non-education); and the Manufacturing Sector (transportation equipment).

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 283,200 over the quarter experienced decreases over the quarter similar to the Statewide figures.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from July through September ($399.38 to $411.37). Average weekly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in September were down by 3.2% from September of 1987. Some industries performed counter to this trend: Primary and Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment, Food and Kindred Products, Textile and Apparel Products, and Printing and Publishing were manufacturing industries showing an increase in weekly earnings over September year ago.



Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 39.0 hours, lower than in the third quarter of 1987 (40.1 hours). Hourly wages were higher than 1987 for the first two months of the quarter but the September 1988 average hourly earnings of $10.31 were 3.5% below the September 1987 figure ($10.68).

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings, weekly hours, and hourly earnings were all above 1987 figures for the third quarter.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1988 totaled 75,572 with a benefit amount of $12,597,894 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment increased to $174.00. Continued claim counts registered 75,000 during the quarter, which were significantly higher than the 42,500 claimants during the third quarter of 1987.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the second quarter, registering 125.2 in September. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in all areas, with the apparel & upkeep and medical categories recording the greatest increases.

Nationally, the September index registered 119.8 for a monthly gain of 0.7 percent and a 4.2 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

According to a **survey of 38 economists** polled by the Wall Street Journal, the U. S. economy will continue expanding for at least another year. This is predicted in spite of higher inflation and increased interest rates. Only three forecasters expected a recession within the coming year.

The Nation's large retail stores showed slight sales gains for June. Brisk sales of air conditioners, summer clothes, and sporting goods were reported. **Retail sales** rose 0.5 percent in July, with much of the growth coming from auto sales. Excluding the 1.9 percent growth in the auto sector, sales rose only 0.1 percent. July sales were up 5.5 percent from a year earlier. The Commerce Department said retail sales fell by 0.2 percent in August. This is the first overall decline since April's 0.4 percent drop.

Housing starts increased 5.1% in June. This was the largest increase since the 9.9% increase in January. However, the increase did not make up for the revised 12.6% drop in May. Some economists feel that rising mortage rates will curtail building for the rest of the year. Housing starts rose 2.4% in July. Starts of single-family units fell slightly, while starts of multi-family units rose for the first time in three months. Economists remain pessimistic about the outlooks for single family housing starts, as this sector is usually more sensitive to interest rates than multi-family housing.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Konica Suppliers Manufacturing U. S. A. is buying 35 acres at the Upper Chesapeake Corporate Center along U. S. 40 in Elkton, MD. Construction of Konica's first U. S. manufacturing plant will begin in the fall. They will produce toners, developers, and photoelectric drums for use in Konica copiers sold in the U. S.

Williams Mobile Offices, a manufacturer of modular buildings will construct a 130,000 square-foot plant in Peninsula Industrial Parks in North East, MD. Construction is expected to start in September and should be completed by next spring. The completed plant is expected to employ 100 to 150 people.

Windfield Farms, a nearly 2,000- acre thoroughbred race horse breeding farm is for sale in Cecil County for $14.5 million. The farm has operated in Maryland since 1964. If a single buyer cannot be found, the farm will be sold in several large parcels.

Roy F. Weston Inc. of West Chester, PA., has been awarded a $55 million contract by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to continue providing technical assistance for environmental emergencies and hazardous waste removal.

STATE DEVELOPMENTS

Governor Michael Castle signed this year's **Capital Spending Bill** at Carpenter State Park. Included in the bond bill is $7 million toward the purchase of 1,429 acres for parks. The bulk of the capital spending is for transportation projects, including roads and mass transit.

Governor Castle nominated Delaware for **federal drought relief** after reports from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service indicated more than one third of the anticipated crop production had been lost. This is the third year in a row Delaware has been nominated. Most of the losses so far have been in the corn crop. Kent County has the largest monetary losses. Farm drought aid will require proof of loss. One week after applying for aid, Delaware was declared eligible. Delaware farmers can be considered for aid the same as farmers in other drought-eligible states.

Delaware Transportation Authority formally will start the sale of $220 million in

transportation system senior and junior reserve bonds to finance construction of the **U. S. 13 bypass**. The bonds will be financed with a combination of road tolls and taxes. Construction for this new highway is expected to start in 1989 and cost approximately $500 million.

A Virginia food chain, **Be-Lo**, plans to buy 18 food stores, including stores in Harrington and Seaford, DE. No name change or staff change is planned for these stores. A Food City Store under construction in Dover is part of the buyout.

Ames Department Stores Inc. agreed to purchase Zayre Corp.'s 388 discount stores. Ames has six stores in Delaware and Zayre's has four. Ames employs 230 people in Delaware, while Zayre's employs about 400. The combination of these two companies would create the largest discount department store chain in the state.

Construction contracts in Delaware dropped very slightly in July from the year ago figure. Non- residential contracts totaled $57,860,000, an increase of 26 percent from a year ago; and nonbuilding contracts totaled $4,943,000, a drop of 61 percent from July, 1987.

Governor Castle appointed a special panel to make recommendations on a long range plan to keep **Delaware's agricultural economy** viable. He said the panel was needed this year to examine the problems of the agricultural sector caused by the drought and low prices. So far the state has purchased crop insurance, but the governor feels that more can be done.

A 61- acre track of land was added to Killens Pond State Park near Felton as the first purchase in a $21 million **state-wide land acquisition program.**

The **Bank of Delaware** agreed to be acquired by PNC Financial Corp. of Pittsburgh. According to the chairman of PNC, Bank of Delaware will keep its name, management. and employees. The only significant change will be a considerable amount of incremental training for Bank of Delaware employees.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

A hotel and restaurant development became the first major project on Concord Pike to be approved by New Castle County since a moratorium on development was lifted. **Ernest F. Delle Donne** said he plans a 300-room hotel and five or six restaurants on 24 acres off Concord Pike at Woodlawn Road. Construction should start next spring.

Newark Shopping Center is about to undergo renovation at a cost of $4.5 million. Thomas Krapf, one of the owners of the Center, said he hopes construction will begin in August on a new section of the shopping center. The new section will house about 14 shops.

Wilmington has a new **public safety building** in the 300 block of North Walnut Street. Police and fireman will occupy the building, which was dedicated on August 17th.

The board of trustees of the **Sanford School** in Hockessin has agreed to sell 50 acres of school land to TYOC Development Company. The development firm will build at least 60 single family homes on the land.

Edward B. DeSeta has bought the **Greenville Shopping Center**. Construction work started in May, signaling the beginning of a three- year expansion of the center. The existing center will have additions on both the north and south ends. The building housing Bootiful will be demolished to make way for a 67,312 square-foot office and retail building with underground parking. DeSeta plans to rename the center Twin Lakes Center when work is completed in 1990.

RFP Group Inc. (Rollins International) will break ground at the end of August on the "Residence Inn by Marriott" near Newark. The hotel will be on Chapman Road off Interstate 95 at Delaware 273. The hotel will be the only one of its kind in the state, designed for people who want to stay for extended periods of time, such as those people relocating. The hotel will provide about 30 jobs.

Work has begun on the second phase of The Business Annex in the **Delaware Industrial Parks** in Newark. When completed, The Business Annex will be a three-building, 135,000 square-foot complex.

A duPont family development plan was revealed for a 2,000 acre parcel in Northern New Castle County. More than 500 acres of the 1,018 acres slated for development will be designated as park land. Plans for developing the **S. Hallock DuPont** family holdings along Curtis Mill Road include construction of 1.5 million square feet of office space, 190,000 square feet of retail space and 448 single-family homes. Development is not likely to start for at least a year, and development of the entire parcel may take 10 years.

Linpro Co., revealed plans for **Tower Side**, a 120,000 square-foot retail center in the Christiana Gateway. Construction of Tower Side will begin in the spring of 1989, and should be finished in the fall of 1990. The two-story retail and restaurant center will include a 400-car underground garage. Tower Side will cost Linpro about $25 million.

F. F. Slocomb Corp is going out of business. Slocomb performed custom machine work for a variety of industries. Slocomb is going out of business as they have no one to whom they can leave the business.

A **John Wanamaker** store is coming to the Christiana Mall. Construction work will begin in the spring . The store will cost approximately $18 million and should be open by 1990.

KENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

Construction of the second phase of **Walker Square Office Park** on Walker road has begun. The $275,000 building will be the ninth in what will be about a dozen office/condominium buildings in the complex.

One Greentree Office Center is under construction. The 24,000- square-foot structure is to be the first of three buildings planned for the site near the Greentree Shopping Center in Dover.

The Dover Mall keeps growing. **Dover Commons** is under construction on the southeast corner of Dover Mall's front yard. The new building will have space for 22 businesses.

A partnership of mainly Kent County residents is proposing a new national bank to be headquartered in Dover. The new bank will be known as The **Diamond State Bank, National Association**. If federally approved, ground will be broken around January 1989, and the new headquarters building will open in March of 1989.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. will reopen its **Super Fresh Food Market** in the Milford Shopping Center. The store plans to renovate and re-equip for a November "grand opening".

Under a lease/will agreement recently signed, **Elizabeth Howell Goggins** presented Kent County with her family's farm, Brecknock. The 70-acre parcel of land with an historically important home will be used as a park and for cultural activities.

A Swedish insurance firm will locate in Dover. This company, **NJORD**, specializes in "political risk" insurance. A company locating in an area where the firm may be nationalized would be eligible for "political risk" insurance. NJORD and the consultant offices of

its agent, International Insurance Resources Inc., expects to eventually employ about 200 at its offices.

ILC Dover Inc. recently received a $15 million contract to produce 120,000 gas masks for the U.S. Army over the next two years. Between 40 and 50 new jobs will be created at the plant in Frederica.

After two years of inactivity, **General Clothing Company** of Smyrna will resume production. General Clothing received a $1.7 million U.S. Navy contract which calls for the manufacture of 97,500 units of wet-weather overalls for the Navy. The order will take between 9 months and a year to fill requiring between 35 to 40 additional employees.

The **Delaware State Housing Authority** has received nearly $5.2 million to renovate Liberty Court, a public housing complex on Walker Road in Dover. The Liberty Court residents will be moved to currently empty apartments during the renovation. The work is expected to begin in the Spring.

General Foods officials are studying the efficiency of the facility in Dover and of a similiar plant in Lafayette, Indiana. This could mean the closing or expansion of the Dover Plant. A decision might be made at the Phillip Morris board meeting on November 30. However, this decision may be delayed because of Phillip Morris's recent $11.8 billion purchase of Kraft.

Fairchild Aircraft Corp. plans to build a factory in Kent County. It will be located on about 17 acres at Kent County Aeropark next to the Dover Airforce Base. Plant construction could begin six months after the leases and finances are signed. The Dover Plant will build parts for one model of airliners, the Metro III and assemble the Metro V, a larger successor. A company report estimates 113 employees next year, 202 employees by 1991, reaching a total of 1,008 by 1994. The manufacturer will try to obtain job training programs with Delaware technical schools.

A 121-lot single family housing development, **Sheffield Farms** is being built east of U.S. 13 and north of Dover's city limit. Nine houses are already built, with another dozen planned by winter. The developer is the Marta Group of Newark, with construction by DiGior Builders Inc.

On November 1, a new vinyl-window factory will open in a converted warehouse in Dover. The plant will provide windows for the area's growing construction industry. The company, named **Precision Vinyl Components,** has 10 employees but could expand to 40 within a year. The plant space could be doubled in 1989 to include glass works and additional window products for new construction and rehabilitation projects.

In October, the Dover Planning Commission approved a plan to build a three-building 19-unit motel on U.S. 13 between River Road and the St. Jones bridge. The **Relax Inn** will be built on property rezoned to permit owner William C. Raynor to subdivide a larger parcel for the project.

SUSSEX COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will construct a 57-unit housing development near **Milton**. Construction is scheduled to begin early next year and will take about a year to complete.

Allen Family Foods Inc. of Seaford has purchased chicken raising and processing facilities from Cargill Inc. The sale includes a processing plant in Harbeson, a feed mill and hatchery in Frankford. The purchase should increase Allen's capabilities about 40 percent from 850,000 broilers to 1.5 million birds a week. No employment changes are expected at Harbeson.

Delaware Bay Launch Service, Inc. is seeking permission to build a 1,040-space dry storage marina along Cedar Creek. In a dry

storage system, a boat stays out of the water on a rack.

Agway Inc. announced that it was merging with Milford Fertilizer Co. The agreement will be finalized September 15. Milford Fertilizer will become a subsidiary of Agway, but continue to operate under its own name. Milford Fertilizer will take over operation of Agway's Delmarva outlets, adding 20 to 25 employees. Milford Fertilizer president, Robert A. Fischer Jr., said the merger would triple sales.

North American Housing Corp. , one of the top three builders of manufactured homes, expanded its operation in Georgetown Industrial Air Park by leasing 11 additional acres. The firm plans to expand its manufacturing capacity from 7,000 square feet of housing to 12,000 square feet of housing. The plant expansion should be completed by fall 1989. At present 75 people work at the plant.

Townsend's Inc. is seeking Sussex County approval for a 775-acre development along Indian River Bay. The development could hold 1,109 homes. It would include 521 townhouses, 72 apartments, and 516 single home lots. Townsend's Inc may include some of its research facilities in the planned development. At an October 27th hearing , the Sussex Zoning Commission recommended for approval by the County Council. However, at a later Council session, the developer's request was tabled.

Another recently announced large housing project came from **Linder & Co.** who proposed 706 homes on 420 acres near Millville. This project is still in the early stages. The Department of Transportation recommended rejection of this development because it would overcrowd Delaware 26. Linder & Co. admits the project could be scaled down to 450 homes. The homes could be built in phases, perhaps over 10 years.

Road construction work is going foward on **Delaware 1** at Dewey Beach. Some Dewey Beach businesses blame the construction for a business downturn this year.

A factory outlet is being constructed in Rehoboth Beach and should be finished by the spring of 1989. **Ocean Outlets** will consist of five buildings.

SPECIAL INTEREST PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, in its Fall 1988 publication announcement, introduced a series of reprints from the **Occupational Outlook Handbook, 1988-89** which might be of interest to readers from the educational and career counselor communities.

The reprints provide labor market information for a wide range of occupations and cost between $1.25 and $2.50 each. For more information, please write the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 2831A, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20212, or the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Chicago Regional Office, P. O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUL	AUG	SEPT
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1988	344.2	342.0	344.4 *	333.9	331.5	332.8 *	10.3	10.5	11.6 *	3.0	3.1	3.4 *
	1987	327.0	324.7	327.2	316.9	316.8	318.7	10.1	7.9	8.4	3.1	2.4	2.6
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1988	353.9	351.3	348.5 *	342.9	340.4	338.5 *	11.0	10.9	10.0 *	3.1	3.1	2.9 *
	1987	336.2	333.6	331.4	325.5	325.4	324.2	10.8	8.2	7.3	3.2	2.4	2.2
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1988	304.1	301.0	301.4 *	292.0	289.3	290.8 *	12.1	11.7	10.7 *	4.0	3.9	3.5 *
	1987	286.9	284.7	284.6	274.8	276.3	276.9	12.1	8.4	7.7	4.2	2.9	2.7
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	121,684.0	122,031.0	121,924.0 *	115,059.0	115,180.0	115,328.0 *	6,625.0	6,851.0	6,596.0 *	5.4	5.6	5.4 *
	1987	123,888.0	120,306.0	119,963.0	117,066.0	113,050.0	112,872.0	6,823.0	7,256.0	7,091.0	5.5	6.0	5.9
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	3,969.0	3,983.0	3,979.0 *	3,825.0	3,828.0	3,829.0 *	144.0	155.0	150.0 *	3.6	3.9	3.8 *
	1987	3,950.0	3,985.0	3,933.0	3,790.0	3,817.0	3,762.0	160.0	168.0	171.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	8,537.0	8,589.0	8,517.0 *	8,171.0	* 8,206.0	8,149.0 *	366.0	383.0	368.0 *	4.3	4.5	4.3 *
	1987	8,474.0	8,508.0	8,421.0	8,086.0	8,119.0	8,037.0	388.0	389.0	384.0	4.6	4.6	4.6
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	5,735.0	5,786.0	5,815.0 *	5,433.0	5,526.0	5,500.0 *	302.0	260.0	315.0 *	5.3	4.5	5.4 *
	1987	5,633.0	5,691.0	5,683.0	5,311.0	5,375.0	5,365.0	322.0	316.0	318.0	5.7	5.6	5.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1988	2,468.2	2,471.6	2,458.8 *	2,363.5	2,368.7	2,355.8 *	104.7	102.9	102.9 *	4.2	4.2	4.2 *
	1987	2,419.1	2,409.7	2,398.5	2,317.0	2,313.6	2,305.8	102.1	96.1	92.7	4.2	4.0	3.9

* PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2 INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 JUL	1988 AUG	1988 SEP	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEP
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	337.8	335.3	333.7	322.3	323.9	323.4
MANUFACTURING	69.1	68.4	68.4	66.8	70.2	70.1
DURABLE GOODS	17.4	16.5	16.9	15.5	19.0	19.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
MACHINERY	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.3	5.2	5.6	5.1	8.4	8.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	51.7	51.9	51.5	51.3	51.2	51.0
FOOD & KINDRED	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.4
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
CHEMICALS	31.3	31.3	31.3	30.8	30.6	30.8
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	268.7	266.9	265.3	255.5	253.7	253.3
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	23.3	22.9	22.3	20.8	20.7	20.5
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.5
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	12.9	12.8	12.6	11.6	11.6	11.7
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.1	13.8	14.3	13.3	13.1	13.8
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4
COMMUNICATION	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	73.8	74.2	72.8	72.8	72.5	71.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.8	12.7	12.8	11.8	12.0	12.0
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	7.2	7.2	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.8
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.2
RETAIL TRADE	61.2	61.5	60.0	60.8	60.5	59.8
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.6
FOOD STORES	9.3	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.4
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	18.8	18.6	17.4	20.0	19.3	18.8
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9.3	9.2	9.2	8.3	8.3	8.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	28.9	29.1	29.0	27.2	27.2	26.9
BANKING	16.9	17.0	16.9	15.4	15.4	15.2
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2
REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0
SERVICES	80.5	80.7	80.3	74.9	75.0	75.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	21.6	21.6	21.5	20.1	20.2	20.2
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.1
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5
HEALTH SERVICES	20.5	20.4	20.5	19.3	19.3	19.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.6	4.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7
OTHER SERVICES	15.6	15.7	15.4	13.9	13.9	13.9
GOVERNMENT	48.0	46.1	46.7	46.6	45.1	45.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	42.1	40.3	40.8	40.6	39.1	39.3
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.6	22.0	22.8	22.5	21.3	22.0
STATE EDUCATION	9.5	8.0	8.9	8.7	7.5	8.4
STATE NON-EDUCATION	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.6
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.5	18.3	18.0	18.1	17.8	17.3
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.3	12.3	12.9	12.1	12.0	12.5
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	6.2	6.0	5.1	6.0	5.8	4.8
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 JUL	1988 AUG	1988 SEP	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEP
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	284.3	281.7	283.6	271.3	273.8	274.2
MANUFACTURING	57.6	56.7	56.8	55.8	59.3	59.5
DURABLE GOODS	15.2	14.3	14.6	14.0	17.7	17.7
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3
MACHINERY	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.8	5.7	6.1	5.5	8.9	9.0
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	42.4	42.4	42.0	41.8	41.6	41.8
FOOD & KINDRED	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.2
CHEMICALS	33.1	33.1	33.0	32.4	32.3	32.5
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
NONMANUFACTURING	226.7	225.0	227.0	215.5	214.5	214.7
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.6	18.3	18.1	17.0	17.2	17.2
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.2
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.0	10.9	10.9	9.5	9.7	9.8
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.2	14.9	15.5	14.4	14.2	14.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.1	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4
COMMUNICATION	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59.5	59.7	59.7	58.2	58.4	57.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.2	10.0
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4
RETAIL TRADE	49.1	49.3	49.3	48.1	48.2	47.5
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.8
FOOD STORES	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.7	7.5
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.8
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.9	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.4
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.2	7.3	7.2	6.7	6.8	6.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.6	25.7	25.8	24.1	24.1	23.8
BANKING	14.8	14.8	14.7	13.5	13.4	13.3
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.0	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9
REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3
SERVICES	70.0	70.5	70.2	65.5	65.7	65.8
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.4	19.6	19.5	18.0	18.2	18.3
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8
HEALTH SERVICES	18.3	18.4	18.5	17.6	17.6	17.8
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.8	3.9	4.3	3.6	3.5	3.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4
OTHER SERVICES	12.9	13.0	12.9	11.5	11.5	11.5
GOVERNMENT	37.7	35.8	37.8	36.1	34.7	35.5
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.1	31.2	33.1	31.2	29.8	30.7
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.3	13.8	14.6	14.5	13.3	14.2
STATE EDUCATION	8.3	6.8	7.8	7.7	6.5	7.5
STATE NON-EDUCATION	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17.8	17.6	18.5	16.7	16.5	16.5
LOCAL EDUCATION	11.1	11.1	12.6	10.8	10.5	11.1
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	6.7	6.5	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.4
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

1988

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
MANUFACTURING	$ 399.38	$ 424.39	$ 411.37	37.5	39.7	39.9	$ 10.65	$ 10.69	$10.31
DURABLE GOODS	432.78	496.36	446.49	35.3	39.3	39.2	12.26	12.63	11.39
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	392.35	371.20	376.36	40.7	39.7	39.7	9.64	9.35	9.48
MACHINERY	438.26	461.34	469.27	39.2	41.6	42.7	11.18	11.09	10.99
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	525.48	706.10	557.64	30.2	37.6	37.3	17.40	18.68	14.95
NONDURABLE GOODS	379.85	368.24	390.34	38.8	39.9	40.2	9.79	9.63	9.71
FOOD & KINDRED	279.96	295.40	296.27	39.1	40.3	40.2	7.16	7.33	7.37
TEXTILE & APPAREL	252.28	310.71	317.12	31.3	40.3	41.4	8.06	7.71	7.66
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	311.96	410.19	381.15	31.8	38.3	38.5	9.81	10.71	9.90
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	421.07	412.13	422.99	37.9	37.5	38.7	11.11	10.99	10.93
CHEMICALS	571.20	519.82	554.85	40.8	39.5	41.1	14.00	13.16	13.50
RUBBER & PLASTICS	453.68	440.24	442.95	42.4	40.5	40.9	10.70	10.87	10.83
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 409.26	$ 426.81	$ 425.06	39.6	40.8	39.8	$ 10.31	$ 10.51	$ 10.68
DURABLE GOODS	467.66	477.20	453.83	39.8	39.8	37.6	11.75	11.99	12.07
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	361.17	360.56	348.35	38.3	39.6	37.7	9.43	9.61	9.24
MACHINERY	450.15	475.20	475.76	43.6	45.3	42.9	10.37	10.49	11.09
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	533.86	579.10	545.74	38.6	38.3	35.3	16.94	15.12	15.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	376.54	393.84	402.26	39.5	41.5	41.3	9.52	9.49	9.74
FOOD & KINDRED	299.62	289.88	294.69	41.1	40.6	41.8	7.29	7.14	7.05
TEXTILE & APPAREL	252.68	288.97	291.69	36.2	40.7	40.4	6.98	7.10	7.22
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	303.88	465.02	386.58	28.4	45.1	37.9	10.70	10.20	10.20
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	353.85	356.74	361.22	35.4	36.0	34.6	9.99	9.91	10.44
CHEMICALS	572.54	577.23	623.92	42.6	42.6	43.6	13.44	13.55	14.31
RUBBER & PLASTICS	448.16	463.05	468.50	42.2	44.1	43.1	10.62	10.50	10.87

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 30,900 PRODUCTION WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

1988

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
MANUFACTURING	$ 549.05	$ 560.44	$ 539.78	42.0	40.7	1.8	$13.56	$13.77	$13.23
DURABLE GOODS	487.97	562.56	492.70	38.8	38.4	37.9	14.68	14.65	13.00
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	349.59	346.18	354.89	39.7	39.7	40.1	8.71	8.72	8.85
MACHINERY	453.52	475.90	482.38	41.7	41.6	42.5	11.44	11.44	11.35
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	524.40	706.50	560.25	37.7	37.7	37.3	18.78	18.74	15.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	608.83	558.97	583.77	45.0	42.8	43.5	12.70	11.06	13.42
FOOD & KINDRED	324.83	359.84	348.50	53.9	52.0	43.4	6.88	6.92	8.03
TEXTILE & APPAREL	263.03	326.30	329.93	41.4	41.2	41.5	7.90	7.92	7.95
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	481.58	471.10	492.35	38.3	37.9	39.2	12.44	12.43	12.56
CHEMICALS	844.03	708.99	770.43	48.1	43.9	46.3	15.45	16.15	15.64
RUBBER & PLASTICS	458.15	441.40	439.90	41.3	40.2	40.1	11.08	10.98	10.97
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 503.35	$ 507.06	$ 516.90	40.3	40.5	40.0	$ 12.49	$ 12.52	$ 12.92
DURABLE GOODS	520.61	513.36	498.70	39.5	39.4	37.3	13.18	13.03	13.37
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	339.58	361.95	330.88	37.9	39.3	37.6	8.96	9.21	8.80
MACHINERY	390.44	420.60	442.30	39.8	42.7	40.1	9.81	9.85	11.03
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	650.11	574.94	543.00	38.4	38.0	35.1	16.93	15.13	15.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.85	499.38	539.84	41.0	42.0	43.5	11.85	11.89	12.41
FOOD & KINDRED	291.03	293.70	338.85	44.5	44.5	53.7	6.54	6.60	6.31
TEXTILE & APPAREL	285.61	324.53	320.78	36.9	41.5	40.4	7.74	7.82	7.94
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	388.06	386.26	395.98	35.7	35.6	33.7	10.87	10.85	11.75
CHEMICALS	666.60	671.39	765.11	44.0	42.9	47.7	15.15	15.65	16.04
RUBBER & PLASTICS	449.76	457.53	460.10	41.3	42.8	41.6	10.89	10.69	11.06

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 19,500 PRODUCTION WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS
FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE 4

AREA AND OFFICE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT		
STATE TOTALS *	22,492	30,067	20,013	3,809,852	5,292,632	3,495,410
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	15,364	20,431	15,822	2,663,444	3,646,391	2,887,576
WILMINGTON L.O.	13,032	17,956	14,012	2,353,727	3,318,497	2,627,679
NEWARK L.O.	2,332	2,475	1,810	309,717	327,894	259,897
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	1,721	1,784	1,487	196,955	207,872	187,351
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	1,098	1,224	1,067	142,902	163,153	144,739
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	174	180	180	5,728	2,517	646
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	177	182	187	3,061	915	359
WILMINGTON L.O.	184	188	192	2,824	728	233
NEWARK L.O.	137	135	150	237	187	126
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	116	119	131	178	153	112
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	140	143	145	104	117	94

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1988			1987		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUL	AUG	SEPT
TOTAL COUNT	5,500	5,800	4,700	6,300	2,900	2,200
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	2,900	3,200	2,600	3,200	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	2,600	2,600	2,100	3,100	2,900	2,200
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	JUL	AUG	SEPT
TOTAL COUNT	23,900	31,100	20,000	20,800	12,200	9,500
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	13,100	18,700	10,500	6,800	100	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	10,800	12,400	9,500	14,000	12,100	9,500

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1988 JUL	1988 AUG	1988 SEPT	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEPT
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	356.1	357.8	361.6	339.1	342.2	344.2
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	123.2	123.9	125.2	117.4	118.4	118.7
FOOD & BEVERAGES	117.3	117.1	117.4	112.4	112.7	112.7
HOUSING	126.5	128.0	129.1	120.1	121.4	120.8
APPAREL & UPKEEP	108.7	108.9	112.7	102.0	110.3	111.3
TRANSPORTATION	115.3	115.1	115.9	112.2	112.0	112.6
MEDICAL	143.8	143.5	144.7	134.0	134.0	135.3
ENTERTAINMENT	121.8	122.6	124.0	112.7	112.2	112.8
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	144.1	144.5	148.5	135.2	135.2	138.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	1.1	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.3
YEARLY	4.9	4.6	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.2
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX (1976=100)	354.9	356.6	358.9	340.8	342.7	344.4
INDEX (1982-84=100)	118.5	119.0	119.8	113.8	114.4	115.0
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5
YR. CHANGE (%)	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.4

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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4th Quarter 1988
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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate finished the quarter at 3.7%, maintaining the State's ranking as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index increased 4.4 percent in December 1988 from December of last year.

Delmarva Power announced plans to expand electric generating capacity by 1990 (see page 5).

The State of Delaware purchases land in New Castle County for open space. (see page 6).

Initial Federal clearance is given for a Churchman's Reservoir Project. Twelve years of study, design, hearings, permits and construction are still ahead (see page 6).

Emory Hill McConnell gain tenants in several New Castle County projects. (see page 7).

Kent Aero Park gets its first "spec. building". The park will also be the home of the new Fairchild Aircraft Corporation facility.

Townsends Inc. won approval from Sussex County Council for an 1,100-home leisure community on Indian River Bay.

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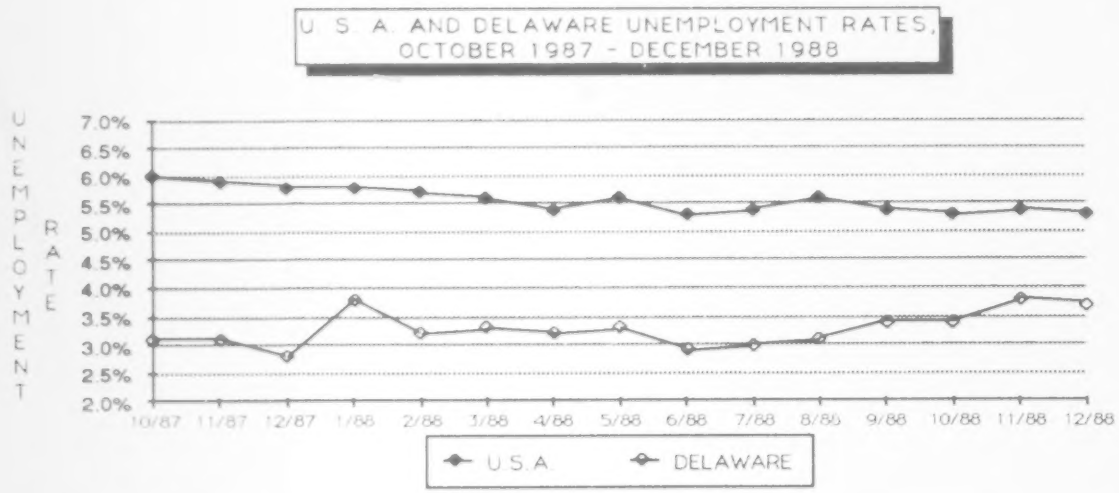
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the quarter remained at 3.4 percent for October, rising to 3.8 percent in November and declining slightly to 3.7 percent in December. Delaware continues to maintain one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively constant ending the quarter at 5.3 percent, equaling the previous recorded low for the year in June.

The Delaware unadjusted unemployment rate rose from 2.9 percent in October to 3.4 percent in November and December.



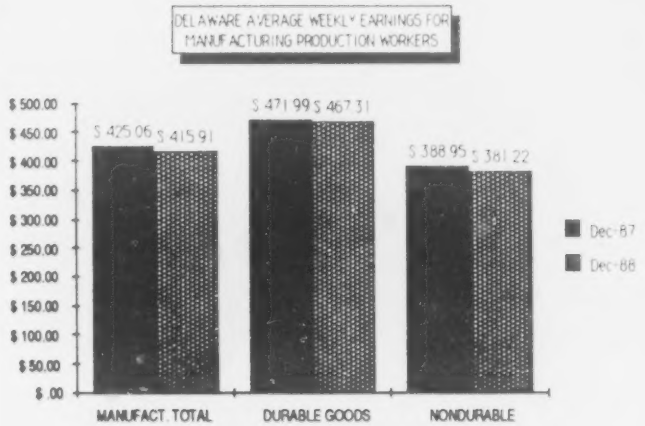
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2 AND 2A))

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased due to seasonal factors in October, November and December, ending the quarter at 339,400. Increases occurred in Retail Trade (especially in General Merchandise Stores, Food Stores, and Miscellaneous Retail); Local Government (education), and in the Manufacturing Sector (Transportation Equipment).

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 288,800 over the quarter, experienced increases over the quarter similar to the Statewide figures.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3))

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from October through December ($413.12 to $415.91). Average weekly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in Delaware were down by 2.2% from December of 1987. Some industries performed counter to this trend: Machinery, Textile and Apparel, Paper and Allied Products, Printing and Publishing were manufacturing industries showing an increase in weekly earnings over December year ago.



Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 40.0 hours, which were unchanged for the same quarter of 1987. Hourly wages were lower than in 1987 throughout the quarter.

Wilmington PMSA weekly earnings for the quarter averaged 41.2 hours, unchanged for the same quarter 1987. Hourly wages were somewhat lower in November and December than the same period a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the fourth quarter of 1988 totaled 45,410 with a benefit amount of $7,106,039 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment decreased to $156.00. Continued claims counts registered 48,600 during the quarter, which were significantly higher than the 29,200 claimants during the fourth quarter of 1987.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the fourth quarter, registering 125.6 in December. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in all areas.

Nationally, the December index registered 120.5 for a monthly gain of 0.2 percent and 4.4 percent increase over the year.

National Developments

A new **Federal Reserve report** issued in December offers a mixed picture of economic conditions across the nation. Consumer spending and housing appear to have slowed in most parts of the country. Manufacturing has continued to boom and faces shortages of labor and factory capacity.

Manpower Inc's. survey of more than 14,000 companies shows that 22% of all businesses plan to increase their work force in the coming quarter, compared with 21% in the year ago quarter. Businesses planning to cut their work force in the first quarter remained flat at 11% compared to 12% in the first quarter a year ago.

U.S. car and light truck sales fell 11.3% in early December. The big three **U.S. auto makers** all had double digit declines in domestic car sales. Some analysts predicted that high inventories would force auto makers to boost incentives and slow down their U.S. plants in the first quarter. However after a poor early December showing, U.S. car sales increased 14% in mid-December.

The Federal Reserve Board reported that **U.S. industrial production** grew by 0.5% in November, matching the October increase. American industry operated at 84.2% capacity in November, a 0.2% increase from October. This report adds to evidence that the U.S. economy has not slowed much, despite the pause in growth at the end of summer.

1988 has been such a boom year for **chemical companies** that they do not expect to do as well in 1989. The industry is looking for relatively modest gains of 7% in both sales and profits.

The Federal Reserve Board said that **output of U.S. industry** grew 0.3% in December, buoyed by strong production of cars and trucks. 1988 was a strong year for the U.S. industrial economy. Production grew 4.7% in 1988, faster than the 3.8% rise in 1987 and posted the strongest gain since an 11.2% increase in 1984.

Regional Developments

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources granted a conditional permit allowing the city of **Crisfield** to develop a 32-acre Maritime Industrial Park on its waterfront. This action was taken after a dispute that this project might damage the Chesapeake Bay and softshell crabs. The plan is subject to approval by the Army Corps of Engineers.

A top priority in **Washington College**'s master plan made six years ago, the $4.5 million Alonzo G. Decker Laboratory Center was dedicated recently. The center should improve the science curriculum at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.

The **Salisbury, MD Airport** is undergoing a $6.5 million expansion that includes a new building to replace a 40-year-old terminal. The terminal should be completed in 1990.

The town of **Perryville, Maryland** received permission from Cecil County to annex approximately 220 acres. The 90 store manufacturers' outlet mall planned for this site would be developed in stages by McArthur/Glen Group, Washington-based developers. Construction would begin as soon as annexation and rezoning are approved. The outlet center would create about 1,500 jobs.

Heinemann Electric Co. will be closing its Chestertown Business Park location on April 15 to consolidate with its Salisbury operation. The manufacturer has 38 employees. On the positive side, Wisco Corp, an envelope manufacturer, has signed a letter of intent to move into Radcliff Industrial Park. Wisco will initially employ 50 but will grow to about 100 employees.

State Developments

In response to the record demand of the past summer,

Delmarva Power Company has announced plans to acquire more electricity for the peninsula. Delmarva Power plans to complete two 100-megawatt generators at its Edgemoore plant in 1990. In 1991, another 100-megawatts will be available for purchase from the Duquesne (PA.) Light Company. In 1992, 100-megawatts of peaking electric power is scheduled to be purchased or made available through new construction of generating equipment.

Delaware Insurance Commissioner David N. Levinson recently announced that **Clarendon American Insurance Company** will be moving to Delaware from New York. Claredon is the fourth insurance company to agree to move to Delaware as part of the commissioner's International Economic Development Program. Clarendon currently employs 60 people in the United States, including 30 who work outside New York City.

The **State** will purchase 157-acres north of Newark from S. Hallock duPont family as part of a program to acquire important natural resource areas. The $9.7 million purchase price will be paid over a period of years. The State will sign a conditional purchase agreement for $1.63 million for an additional 204 acres. This land will link Middle Run Natural Area and the White Clay Creek Preserve.

Lomas & Nettleton Financial Corp. had filed an application to create a second bank in the State. The second bank would remain modest in size for the near future. Lomas Bank U.S.A., located near the Wilmington Amtrak Station, currently employs 620 people.

Uni-Mart, with seven stores in Delaware, hopes to expand to 20 by the end of 1990. They have a full time real estate person working on acquiring properties for them. The next stores are likely to be in Smyrna and Newark. Current employment in Delaware numbers 35-40 full and part-time employees.

Gov. Castle has proposed a $1.12 billion **operating budget** for the next fiscal year. He has proposed cutting personal income taxes by eight percent. Some other highlights of the proposed budget follow: The motor vehicle fuel tax will increase from 16 to 18 cents a gallon. There will be an average 5.6% pay increase for teachers. $22 million will be allocated to Health and Social Services for new spending on AIDS. $5 million will go to the Housing Development Fund. A Division of Emergency Medical Services for the paramedic program will be established for $721,300. In transportation, 71 new jobs will be created to keep up with the capital improvement program. In children's services, $303,700 will be allocated to residential treatment centers. Finally, the pay scale for merit system employees will be increased by 3.5 percent.

New Castle County Developments

Del Monte Tropical Fruits Inc. is leaving the **Port of Wilmington** for Camden, N.J. taking with it their banana business which represented 8 percent or about $1 million of the port's gross annual revenues. In other port related news, it was announced that in January the port will become an exporter of steel products for the first time. A total of three shipments are scheduled with Italy and Calcutta India, the announced ports of destination for steel plate and rolled steel coils respectively. Each shipment will be worth about $50,000 to Wilmington.

Approximately 1,800 **Chrysler** employees returned to a rebuilt plant for the official resumption of production. The autos to be built are Chrysler's new A-body cars, the Dodge Spirit and Plymouth Acclaim. They should be on the market in late 1988 or early 1989. The second shift of workers returned in January, 1989.

Initial federal approval was received to proceed with the **Churchman's Reservoir project.** This would be the first reservoir built in New Castle County since Hoopes Reservoir, built in 1931. The project will take at least 12 years to design and build and will cost about $40 million. More permits are needed, but the key permit has been granted.

Schmidt Baking Company of Sharon Hill, PA will establish a new bakery outlet and distribution center in New Castle. Schmidt will establish a retail and distribution

center at 2 Boulden Circle by December 1, 1988. The facility will employ some 50 sales, administrative and distribution people to serve grocery stores, restaurants and other food retailers in nothern Delaware.

March Development Company broke ground for a multi-tenant flex building at Pencader Corporate Center in New Castle County. The building, on eleven acres in Pencader, is scheduled for completion during the second quarter of 1989. The building, to be known as Pencader Business Center I can accomodate several uses, such as supplying to Chrysler and GM, light manufacturing, and operating a distribution center.

Applied Extrusion Technologies Inc. opened a 30,000-square-foot expansion of its Middletown manufacturing plant. The plant will produce advanced backer rod products for the concrete construction industry.

The Scarborough Corp has 35 homes under construction in its **Woods at Wrangle Hill** development. Twenty-nine units have been sold and six are occupied. The price ranges from $107,990 to $149,600. Scarborough will eventually build 120 homes and finish construction near the end of 1990.

The **Dry Goods** stores have filed for bankruptcy. The stores, including the ones in Claymont and Elsmere will stay open while the chain restructures its debt load. The owners said they had no plans to lay off anyone. The bankruptcy action could have been avoided, but two disgruntled creditors threatened to force the chain into involuntary bankruptcy.

Forwood Manor recently opened. Located on Marsh Road, Forwood Manor is a full service retirement community with skilled and intermediate care and assisted living available. It is owned and managed by the Forum Group, Inc. and offers 123 apartments.

Emory Hill McConnell announced the singing of two leases at its Penflex II building in **Pencader Corporate Center** in Newark. A.T. & T. has leased space for a warehouse and Knapp Safety Shoes has leased space for a sales and service center.

Emory Hill McConnell also announced the signing of three new tenants at Read's Way in **New Castle Corporate Commons**. Digital Equipment has signed as lead tenant at 92 Read's Way for use as a computer service center. American Duplicating Products has leased space for use as a copier sales office. A.T. & T. has leased 8,000 square-feet at 52 Reads Way for a computer service center.

Phase two of **Delaware Corporate Center,** located at Route 202 near Silverside Road, is under construction. The building's 107,000 square feet of office space is scheduled for tenant occupancy March 1, 1989.

Emory Hill McConnell has begun works on its newest Delaware project - **Centerpoint**, a 100-acre business park in the City of New Castle. Ground breaking ceremonies signalled the start of construction on the first two buildings at Centerpoint. Both buildings are scheduled for completion in the Spring of 1989.

Two new tenants have moved to **Three Christina Center** in Wilmington. ARCO Chemical Delaware Company will establish its headquarters in Three Christina Center in December, 1988. Table Talk, a take-out food service company will occupy some 1,900 square feet of space in the main entrance lobby in late December 1988.

Emory Hill McConnell has begun construction on a 40,000 square foot office building at **New Castle Corporate Commons**. The building will be known as 10 Corporate Circle. It is scheduled for completion in May 1989.

Alanx Products L. P. recently opened in Newark. The 50,000 square-foot facility will produce ceramic/metal composites for industrial applications where resistance to wear is important.

Commuter rail service is scheduled to resume between Wilmington and Philadelphia in mid-January. Up to 350 round-trip riders are expected to use the service each day. If ridership is high enough, service may include stops in Claymont and Newark.

Summit North Marina Inc. has leased 75 acres in Lums Pond State Park to build a 250-ship marina on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. There will be no cost to the State for the marina which is expected to be completed in the Fall of 1991. Summit Marina also plans boat storage and maintenance service, overnight cabins, and a couple of restaurants.

Delaware's four **Bradlees stores**, which are scheduled to become Hechinger stores next year, will begin their out of business sales on New Year's Day. The sales should run through February or early March. Hechingers bought the leases in August 1988.

Rouse & Associates is constructing a seventh building at the **Boulden Interchange Park**. Advo-System, a direct mail advertising firm, has signed a 10-year lease on the building. Advo-System plans to move in the new building in April, 1989.

Nearby residents are upset about a proposed location for **Pepperidge Farm, Inc**. It would be located near I-95 and Salem Church Road. The residents have complained about the potential noise of 100 semi-trailer trucks moving in and out daily. The bakery and office would operate 24 hours a day and employ 800 people at an average wage of $10 an hour.

Ciba-Geigy is seeking a zoning board approval for a new divisional headquarters building on the Christina River next to its pigment plant off Delaware 141. The building would be seven stories high. Although the project is well advanced, it still needs approval from corporate headquarters in New York and world-wide headquarters in Switzerland. The expansion would produce about 40 jobs, many to be filled by relocated employees.

The DuPont Company plans to build a pharmaceutical testing laboratory at its **Stine-Haskell Research Center** in Newark. Construction will start in mid-1989 with completion scheduled in 1991. The laboratory is expected to have 100 workers; most of them already employed by DuPont.

The State wants to build a new 600-bed **prison** in the Wilmington area. Two sites have been suggested; residents in both areas have vigorously protested a prison in their neighborhood.

Lenape Associates Builders Inc. has begun construction of **Buena Vista Park**. Located south of Meadow Wood Center and west of U.S. 13, the development will have 140 townhouses, 100 single-family houses and possibly a 48-unit apartment complex. In the first section of 52 houses, only eight remain unsold.

Kent County Developments

The first building in **Kent County Aero-Park** was under construction in October, with completion due in November. The building is a 32,000 square foot $1.2 million structure suitable for manufacturing or use as a warehouse. Commonwealth Group of New Castle is the owner. A second building is planned upon successful leasing of the first.

A new **Uni-Lake auto service outlet** is under construction at 706 North DuPont Highway, Dover. It was scheduled for completion by the end of October. A Uni-Mart convenience store is being built next to the Uni-Lake. Both will open at the same time and will jointly employ 10-12 people.

Kent General Hospital does not think it has enough doctors. A recruiting committee has been formed to find extra doctors. Currently, there are about 80 doctors in private practice in Kent County. A study commissioned by the Hospital in February 1988 recommends that Kent County have 120 private-practice doctors by 1990.

All three units at the **McKee Run power plant** have operating problems. Dover may face tens of millions of dollars in repair works. First an engineering study of the city's future power needs has been recommended.

Since **Fairchild Aircraft Corp**. announced tentative plans to build an aircraft parts manufacturing plant in Dover, more than 250 job seekers have called various state offices. The volume of responses points to strong

local interest in Fairchild and an unexpected level of skill and experience in aeronautics in local labor pool. At first Fairchild will hire 100 workers. The company is looking for sheet metal workers, riveters, specialized welders, painters and machine operators. In later stages of development the company will be seeking tool and die makers, machinists, electricians, engineers, and quality control supervisors.

Dover Parking Authority is continuing with its plan to build a 130-space parking lot on East Water and South State Streets near The Green. The authority approved the sale of a bond issue and mortgage bank loan and awarded an engineering contract. Construction of the parking lot should be completed by the end of July, 1989.

On Dover's west side, conditional approval has been given for development of **West Dover Industrial Park**, a 110 acre facility located near General Foods and Scott Paper.

Atlantic Transfer, a paper Manufacturer, has leased 45,000 square feet in the Central Delaware Industrial Park near Cheswold.

Wild Quail Golf and Country Club is continuing to take shape. Development phases I and II involving the first 102 lots are complete. Phase III (lots 103 to 124) and the golf course are in the early stages of preparation. The golf course is slated for a Spring 1990 opening.

On October 28, **Courtside Apartments** were opened. There are 32 two-bedroom units located on United Way, not far from the Dover Capitol. Rent is $425 a month with utilities extra. The apartments are owned and managed by Colonial Investment and Management Co. of Dover.

On November 15 ground was broken for a $4.5 million center for science and engineering technologies at the Terry Campus of **Delaware Technical and Community College**. Construction will be started in early Spring 1989 and should be finished by the Fall of 1990.

James F. Marshall plans to build an **office/apartment building** at the corner of West Loockerman and North Queen Streets in Dover. The two-story building will have space for two commercial offices on the first floor. Two three-bedroom apartments will be built on the second floor.

The **Dover Planning commission** voted to recommend to city council a rezoning request to permit Sussex Trust Banks to build its second Dover branch. The commission voted to recommend council reject a similar rezoning to build the headquarters of the proposed Diamond State Bank. In other business they approved the Presbyterian Homes, Inc. site plan for a retirement village on 17 acres adjacent to Westminister Village Nursing Home on College Road east of Mckee Road.

I. L. C. Dover Inc. is laying off 75 workers at its Frederica plant in December due to the phase out of a production line.

Dover's newest entry on the retail scene-the Silo Store at Dover Commons-is one of several new stores that is about to open. Silo, a video, audio and home appliance outlet, holds down one end of the new **Dover Commons** strip. The soon-to-open Pier I Imports will be the co-anchor. Between them will be space for up to 20 shops. The strip is being built by BK Contractors of Atlanta at a cost of approximately $2.2 million.

Lake Forest School board is set to O.K. three building projects. The projects are a new central administration building; an East Elementary School addition; and replacement of the high school heating and ventilation units.

A **Roadway Express truck terminal** is under construction at Saulsbury Road and North Street in Dover, opposite General Foods and Eden Hill Farms. The building will feature 12 truck bays and enclose about 3,550 square feet of space.

Dover is becoming a shopping hub, **three shopping centers**, combined, will add more than 340,000 square feet of retail space . The Three centers are Dover Commons, Dover Downs, and the Center at Dover. Also under construction at the Dover Downs Center is a

megamarket- an Acme Markets store the size of a football field..

Wilmington Trust Bank has opened a new branch in The Hamlet Shopping Center in west Dover.

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority plans to build a $70 million **trash incinerator** in Kent or Sussex County within four years. The incinerator would have a capacity of 700 tons-per-day and would stretch the useful life of the exisitng landfills 30 to 40 years according to N. C. Vasuki, General Manager of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority.

General Foods U. S. A. announced Thursday that it will close its facility in Lafayette, Ind., and keep its Dover plant open. It was good news for the 1,060 employees at the plant that manufactures Jell-O, Stove Top Stuffing mix, Dream Whip, Kool-aid and Bakers chocolate. It was suggested that tax differences between Indiana and Delaware might have provided the economic advantage to the Delaware facility.

The development of Dover is in high gear. "If people think that **Dover has boomed** in the past five years, the next five will bring as much or more development," said City Planner Edgar C. Cregar Jr. How much development is coming? To get an idea, consider last years statistics:
-Throughout 1988, about 500 acres of Dover was either newly developed or proposed for development (business and residential).
-Commercial projects begun or proposed and awaiting approval totaled over 880,000 interior square feet.
-Housing, starting or proposed starts, totaled 1,338 units (combined houses and apartments).

Walker Square, an office park development on Walker Road just east of Saulsbury Road in Dover, is nearing completion of its second phase. Ground will be broken for Phase III next month. This will complete the 8.5 acre development.

About 50 employees of **Metal Masters Foodservice Equipment Co.** were laid off, reducing the company's work force to 275 people as a result of a seasonal lull in sales, higher steel prices and a buildup in inventories.

The eighth of 11 buildings planned for the **Silver Lake Office Park** is under construction. Ciotti Construction Co., is the general contractor for the new building.

Sussex County Developments

The largest frozen seafood packer in Japan,Nuchrei Corp., has purchased **Sea Watch International Ltd.** for $30 million and plans to introduce Americans to Oriental Cuisine. Sea Watch employs a total of 550 at its three Eastern Shore plants. Management and staff will continue with the new owners.

John Rollins, one of Delaware's most noted businessmen has donated $1 miliion to **Beebe Medical Center** in Lewes, the largest single gift ever received by the hospital. The donation will be paid over a five year period to assist in the development of the medical center.

Business is growing in New Castle County for Greenwood-based **Nanticoke Homes Inc.** The builder sold 177 modular homes in Delaware's northern most county in the 12 months ended September 30, up from the 119 homes in the preceding year and 106 homes during the 12 months before that.

The **University of Delaware** stretched its services further into lower Delaware on Monday as two new offices officially opened. The offices, in Milford and Georgetown, house information centers, administrative offices in Georgetown and continuing education classes and the Academy of Lifelong Learning in Milford.

Thousands of tons of stones will be set underneath the **Indian River Bridge** in an effort to stop rapid erosion that is threatening to harm its steel supports. Transportation officals are concerned about finding a company able to handle the job. It would probably involve using a barge with a large crane that could lower the rocks down to within five feet of the bottom before dropping them.

A 57-unit housing project has been designed by the **Delaware State Housing Authority** to help alleviate a serious shortage of affordable housing in Selbyville, Sussex County. Some residents are objecting to the project's location and they are displeased by what they perceive to be government secrecy surrounding purchase of the site. The $3.7 million project would be financed entirely by federal funds.

Good news for Sussex County's long term care needs arrived just in time for the holidays with approval of three applications for new and expanded nursing home facilities. **Nanticoke Health Services Inc.** will construct and operate a new 75-bed nursing home in Seaford and would form a limited partnership with a wholly owned subsidiary as the general partner to finance and construct the facility. Also approved are plans to expand the **Millsboro Nursing Home** by 44 new beds. In Lewes, **Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation** received approval for an additional 60 skilled nursing beds to compliment there existing 90-bed facility.

Townsends Inc. won approval by Sussex County Council of its plans to build an 1,100-home leisure community on Indian River Bay near Oak Orchard. Over the next decade Townsends Inc., will convert 775 acres of company owned farmland along Indian River Bay into a residential community of 565 town houses, 506 single-family homes, 72 apartments, an 18-hole golf course,

tennis courts, shopping and convention centers, bicycle paths and a 360-ship marina.

The multimillion dollar aviation business, **Georgetown Aircraft Services**, might have to find a new location unless Sussex County provides $40,000 for maintenance to the county air park. Which has not been upgraded since World II when it was used for a naval training facility.

Special Interest Article (New LAUS Methodolgy)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has initiated a new method of calculating monthly employment and unemployment statistics for the 40 states which do not directly use the Current Population Survey(CPS) estimates (non-direct use states).

Previously the non-direct use states employed a building-block approach to defining and estimating components of unemployment and employment. This method relied on monthly data from the Unemployment Insurance (UI) System and the Bureau's Current Employment Statistics (CES) Program. Estimates for groups not adequately measured on a monthly were developed using historical or larger-area relationships. Then to ensure comparability across States the monthly estimates were adjusted to the CPS levels for the State.

The new method uses variable coefficient regression models developed by BLS and tested by State employment security agencies. These dynamic models permit use of CPS, CES, and UI data in a more accurate and reliable manner. Over 10 years of data from these sources have been collected to build models that are resistant to large random sample errors in the CPS and are flexible enough to reflect structural changes in a State's economy. Two estimating equations are used for each State, one for employment and one for the unemployment rate.

The employment model uses the CES estimate of nonfarm wage and salary jobs and data from the CPS on employed persons not included in the CES survey. The unemployment rate model uses data on those UI claimants who have no earnings from employment to represent most of the experienced unemployed. An employment- to-population ratio is used to reflect both the business cycle and the experienced unemployed not covered by UI data. A separate variable is used to represent new entrants and reentrants to the labor force.

More information about the new method is available from the Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, BLS, Room 2083, 441 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20212.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1988	350.5	356.0	357.7 *	338.6	342.5	344.4 *	11.9	13.5	13.3 *	3.4	3.8	3.7 *
	1987	335.7	336.9	342.3	325.3	326.4	332.5	10.4	10.5	9.7	3.1	3.1	2.8
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1988	351.7	356.7	355.2 *	341.6	344.5	343.1 *	10.1	12.1	12.1 *	2.9	3.4	3.4 *
	1987	337.0	337.8	340.1	328.3	328.3	331.2	8.8	9.4	8.9	2.6	2.8	2.6
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1988	304.6	309.2	309.3 *	294.8	298.2	298.1 *	9.8	11.0	11.2 *	3.2	3.6	3.6 *
	1987	292.6	294.5	296.9	284.2	286.0	288.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	122,012.0	122,510.0	122,563.0 *	115,521.0	115,947.0	116,009.0 *	6,491.0	6,563.0	6,554.0 *	5.3	5.4	5.3 *
	1987	120,387.0	120,594.0	120,701.0	113,210.0	113,504.0	113,740.0	7,177.0	7,090.0	6,961.0	6.0	5.9	5.8
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	3,937.0	3,972.0	4,061.0 *	3,785.0	3,816.0	3,888.0 *	152.0	156.0	173.0 *	3.9	3.9	4.3 *
	1987	3,985.0	3,994.0	4,005.0	3,825.0	3,847.0	3,848.0	160.0	147.0	157.0	4.0	3.7	3.9
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	8,494.0	8,543.0	8,572.0 *	8,141.0	8,154.0	8,153.0 *	353.0	389.0	419.0 *	4.2	4.6	4.9 *
	1987	8,476.0	8,553.0	8,512.0	8,066.0	8,112.0	8,127.0	410.0	441.0	385.0	4.8	5.2	4.5
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	5,707.0	5,726.0	5,787.0 *	5,394.0	5,465.0	5,517.0 *	313.0	261.0	270.0 *	5.5	4.6	4.7 *
	1987	5,734.0	5,709.0	5,780.0	5,403.0	5,394.0	5,457.0	331.0	315.0	323.0	5.8	5.5	5.6
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1988	2,482.5	2,478.4	2,481.0 *	2,367.4	2,369.9	2,365.8 *	115.1	108.5	115.2 *	4.6	4.4	4.6 *
	1987	2,413.1	2,415.6	2,423.0	2,321.2	2,319.3	2,320.6	91.9	96.3	102.5	3.8	4.0	4.2

* PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2 INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 OCT	1988 NOV	1988 DEC	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	336.0	338.1	339.4	326.8	327.9	330.9
MANUFACTURING	69.3	69.8	69.9	70.1	70.0	70.4
DURABLE GOODS	18.0	18.3	18.6	19.2	19.3	19.5
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0
MACHINERY	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.8	7.0	7.3	8.5	8.6	8.8
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	51.3	51.5	51.3	50.9	50.7	50.9
FOOD & KINDRED	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.4
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
CHEMICALS	31.1	31.1	31.1	30.7	30.8	30.8
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	266.7	268.3	269.5	256.7	257.9	260.5
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22.7	22.1	21.9	21.2	21.0	21.1
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.0
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	12.5	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.9	13.9	13.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.6
COMMUNICATION	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	72.3	73.5	74.4	72.6	73.4	75.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.9	12.8	13.0	12.2	12.2	12.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.9	6.9	7.0
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.4
RETAIL TRADE	59.4	60.7	61.4	60.4	61.2	62.6
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.6
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.8	9.4	9.8	9.2	9.8	10.3
FOOD STORES	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.5
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.5
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	16.3	16.1	16.1	16.1	17.8	17.9
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9.2	9.6	9.8	8.7	9.0	9.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	29.3	29.6	30.1	26.9	26.9	27.0
BANKING	17.2	17.5	17.7	15.4	15.4	15.5
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.2
REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
SERVICES	80.8	80.3	80.3	74.9	75.0	76.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	21.8	21.7	22.2	20.2	20.4	20.7
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.5
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.8
HEALTH SERVICES	20.7	20.7	20.7	19.4	19.4	19.4
LEGAL SERVICES	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.3
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7
OTHER SERVICES	15.5	15.2	14.9	13.9	13.9	14.1
GOVERNMENT	47.1	48.4	48.3	47.1	47.6	47.4
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.3	42.7	42.5	41.1	41.6	41.4
STATE GOVERNMENT	22.7	24.1	24.2	22.9	23.2	23.0
STATE EDUCATION	9.1	10.5	10.5	9.5	9.8	9.7
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.4	13.4	13.3
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.6	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.4	18.4
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.5	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.6	13.6
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 OCT	1988 NOV	1988 DEC	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	287.1	289.0	290.3	278.4	280.0	282.1
MANUFACTURING	57.9	58.4	58.7	59.7	59.9	59.9
DURABLE GOODS	16.0	16.4	16.7	17.8	18.0	18.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
MACHINERY	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	7.3	7.6	7.8	9.0	9.2	9.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.9	42.0	42.0	41.9	41.9	41.8
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
CHEMICALS	32.9	32.8	32.8	32.5	32.6	32.6
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9
NONMANUFACTURING	229.2	230.6	231.6	218.7	220.1	222.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.0	17.8	17.4	17.6	17.5	17.6
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.0	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.2
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	10.6	10.4	10.2	10.0	9.9	10.0
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.5	15.4	15.4	15.0	15.0	15.1
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7
COMMUNICATION	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	60.6	61.4	62.3	58.6	59.7	60.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.2	10.3	10.3
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
RETAIL TRADE	50.0	50.8	51.5	48.4	49.4	50.5
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.3	7.7	8.0	7.3	7.7	8.1
FOOD STORES	7.9	7.9	8.2	7.6	7.6	7.8
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.8
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.7	14.7	14.9	14.6	14.6	14.5
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.3	7.6	7.7	6.8	7.2	7.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.0	26.1	26.7	24.0	24.0	24.1
BANKING	15.0	15.1	15.3	13.5	13.5	13.6
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.9
REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.3
SERVICES	70.7	70.5	70.7	66.0	65.9	66.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.3	19.5	19.7	18.5	18.6	19.0
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1
HEALTH SERVICES	18.8	18.6	18.8	17.7	17.8	17.6
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.1	4.1
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
OTHER SERVICES	12.9	12.9	12.7	11.6	11.6	11.9
GOVERNMENT	38.3	39.3	39.0	37.3	37.8	37.9
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.7	34.7	34.4	32.6	33.0	33.1
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.0	15.9	15.9	15.1	15.3	15.2
STATE EDUCATION	8.3	9.1	9.1	8.4	8.6	8.5
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.7	18.8	18.5	17.5	17.7	17.9
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.9	13.0	12.9	12.1	12.3	12.4
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.5
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
				1988					
MANUFACTURING	$ 413.12	$ 418.77	$ 416.91	39.8	40.5	39.8	$ 10.38	$ 10.34	$10.45
DURABLE GOODS	441.98	457.56	467.31	38.3	40.6	41.1	11.54	11.27	11.37
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	368.26	358.59	364.80	39.6	38.6	40.0	9.30	9.29	9.12
MACHINERY	466.57	492.51	483.66	42.3	43.8	43.3	11.03	11.24	11.17
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	523.01	551.49	564.03	36.7	40.7	41.2	14.65	13.56	13.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	393.98	393.09	381.22	40.7	40.4	38.9	9.68	9.73	9.80
FOOD & KINDRED	296.46	294.11	280.74	40.5	40.4	38.3	7.32	7.28	7.33
TEXTILE & APPAREL	315.29	326.13	317.46	41.0	42.3	40.7	7.69	7.71	7.80
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	409.82	389.92	389.18	40.1	37.1	37.1	10.22	10.51	10.49
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	399.23	397.13	384.28	37.0	37.5	37.2	10.79	10.59	10.33
CHEMICALS	560.97	574.21	562.00	41.8	41.7	40.2	13.42	13.77	13.98
RUBBER & PLASTICS	449.11	447.20	432.23	41.7	41.6	40.7	10.77	10.76	10.62
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 456.14	$ 429.44	$ 426.06	40.1	39.8	40.1	$ 11.36	$ 10.79	$ 10.60
DURABLE GOODS	485.01	474.38	471.99	39.4	39.4	39.3	12.31	12.04	12.01
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	369.68	382.96	375.19	37.8	40.1	38.6	9.78	9.55	9.72
MACHINERY	480.48	470.10	482.46	45.2	44.9	45.6	10.63	10.47	10.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	595.03	576.41	566.98	37.9	37.6	37.9	15.70	15.33	14.96
NONDURABLE GOODS	432.80	394.99	388.95	40.6	40.1	40.6	10.66	9.85	9.58
FOOD & KINDRED	288.46	276.76	293.15	39.3	37.4	41.0	7.34	7.40	7.15
TEXTILE & APPAREL	298.25	305.18	293.13	40.8	40.8	40.1	7.31	7.48	7.31
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	379.90	451.42	343.81	37.1	43.7	31.6	10.24	10.33	10.88
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	375.34	360.10	371.63	36.3	37.2	37.2	10.34	9.68	9.99
CHEMICALS	774.34	574.96	586.54	43.6	43.1	42.4	17.76	13.34	13.81
RUBBER & PLASTICS	462.80	493.24	469.94	44.5	41.8	45.1	10.40	11.80	10.42

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 32,200 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
				1988					
MANUFACTURING	$ 526.32	$ 533.76	$ 529.30	40.3	41.7	41.5	$13.06	$12.80	$12.73
DURABLE GOODS	481.92	502.14	504.56	37.3	40.3	40.3	12.92	12.46	12.52
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	329.87	326.59	340.80	38.9	37.8	40.0	8.48	8.64	8.52
MACHINERY	481.53	506.33	497.23	42.5	43.8	43.2	11.33	11.56	11.51
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	626.16	662.97	563.76	35.7	40.6	41.0	14.71	13.62	13.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	573.77	568.96	555.56	43.5	43.3	42.9	13.19	13.14	12.95
FOOD & KINDRED	327.46	306.72	299.58	55.5	42.6	52.1	5.90	7.20	5.75
TEXTILE & APPAREL	334.82	341.12	332.50	41.8	42.8	41.1	8.01	7.97	8.09
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	476.77	466.22	472.43	37.6	37.1	39.6	12.68	12.27	11.93
CHEMICALS	737.66	737.03	712.36	45.5	45.3	44.0	16.21	16.27	16.19
RUBBER & PLASTICS	456.26	456.67	436.89	41.2	41.5	40.1	11.06	10.98	10.87
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 536.66	$ 533.60	$ 529.26	41.3	41.3	40.9	$ 12.97	$ 12.92	$ 12.94
DURABLE GOODS	536.84	521.51	511.38	39.4	39.3	38.8	13.60	13.27	13.18
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	353.78	365.48	357.28	38.0	39.9	38.5	9.31	9.16	9.28
MACHINERY	491.28	481.30	492.30	44.5	44.4	45.0	11.04	10.84	10.94
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	591.89	573.34	565.87	37.7	37.4	37.8	15.70	15.33	14.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	536.46	551.26	555.77	43.9	44.1	43.9	12.22	12.50	12.66
FOOD & KINDRED	280.67	296.47	275.39	44.2	46.9	43.3	6.35	6.30	6.36
TEXTILE & APPAREL	328.82	334.43	320.39	41.0	41.7	39.8	8.02	8.02	8.05
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	412.25	396.31	424.48	35.6	36.9	37.9	11.58	10.74	11.20
CHEMICALS	783.33	778.11	797.94	47.8	48.3	46.8	16.76	16.11	17.05
RUBBER & PLASTICS	466.43	497.68	473.33	44.2	42.6	45.6	10.83	11.71	10.38

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 21,600 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS
FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT		
STATE TOTALS *	13,728	15,340	16,342	2,120,505	2,479,766	2,505,768
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	10,061	10,165	9,762	1,581,559	1,762,428	1,604,085
WILMINGTON L.O.	8,651	8,477	7,486	1,359,647	1,482,329	1,230,221
NEWARK L.O.	1,410	1,688	2,276	221,912	280,099	373,864
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	1,236	1,450	2,057	171,634	194,645	265,292
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	1,049	2,150	2,438	137,997	268,356	296,456
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	176	172	166	606	902	1,092
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	185	184	180	305	411	495
WILMINGTON L.O.	188	186	181	189	263	283
NEWARK L.O.	168	174	174	116	148	212
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	144	140	136	128	145	216
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	139	135	132	92	228	221

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1988			1987		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	3,400	3,700	4,100	1,900	2,100	2,600
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	1,300	1,100	900	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	2,100	2,600	3,100	1,900	2,100	2,600
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	15,300	15,100	18,200	8,000	8,900	12,300
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	6,600	4,000	4,600	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	8,700	11,100	13,500	8,000	8,900	12,300

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1988 OCT	1988 NOV	1988 DEC	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	359.9	361.9	362.8	344.1	342.6	343.5
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	124.6	125.3	125.6	119.1	118.6	118.9
FOOD & BEVERAGES	118.5	117.3	118.2	113.4	113.1	113.0
HOUSING	126.2	128.2	128.6	120.7	119.2	120.0
APPAREL & UPKEEP	113.7	113.8	110.3	112.4	113.0	110.3
TRANSPORTATION	117.4	117.7	117.9	113.5	114.3	114.6
MEDICAL	145.5	146.1	146.2	135.3	135.2	136.6
ENTERTAINMENT	125.1	124.6	126.5	113.8	113.9	114.2
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	148.8	148.8	150.4	139.3	139.1	139.5
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	-0.5	0.6	0.2	0.3	-0.4	0.3
YEARLY	4.6	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.7	5.6
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX.(1976=100)	360.1	360.5	360.9	345.3	345.8	345.7
INDEX.(1982-84=100)	120.2	120.3	120.5	115.3	115.4	115.4
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
YR. CHANGE (%)	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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1st Quarter 1989
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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate finished the quarter at 3.7 percent, maintaining the State's ranking as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index increased 5.4 percent in March 1989 from March of last year (see page 4).

JMB Properties Corp., the owners of Concord Mall, have reached an agreement with Woodlawn Trustees and Delle Donne & Associates for a major expansion of the Concord Mall (see page 7).

Six Delaware Banks establish a $5.3 million loan pool for low-income housing development (see page 6).

Production at General Foods in Dover will increase by 20 percent as a result of operational changes caused by the Lafayette, Indiana plant closing (see page 8).

Newark City Council, in March, voted to annex 81 acres to allow for development of a new shopping center and a new hotel (see page 7).

Two major beach control projects are underway at Indian River Inlet and South Bethany Beach this spring (see page 9).

Division of Unemployment Insurance releases Benefits Quality Control Data for CY 1988 (see page 10).

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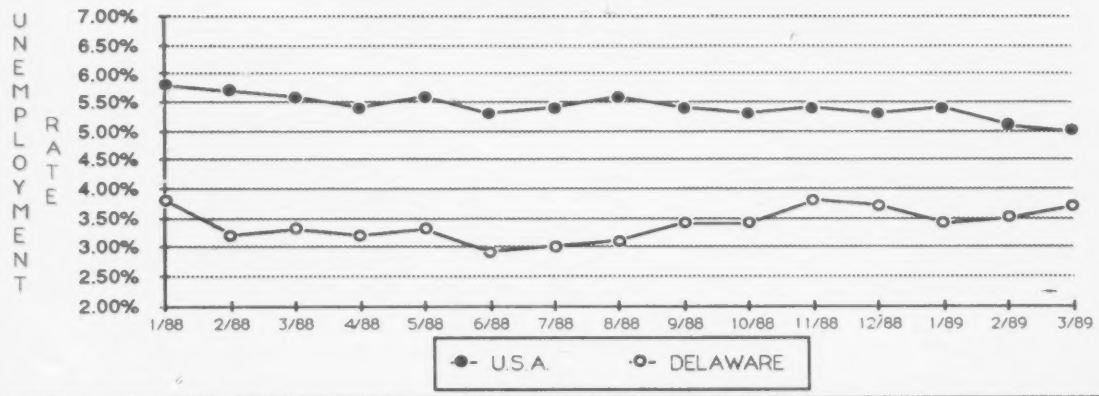
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the quarter rose from 3.4 percent in January, to 3.5 percent in February and to 3.7 percent in March. Delaware continues to maintain one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 6.0 percent in January, ending the quarter at 5.2 percent.

U. S. A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JANUARY 1988 - MARCH 1989



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE 2 & 2A)

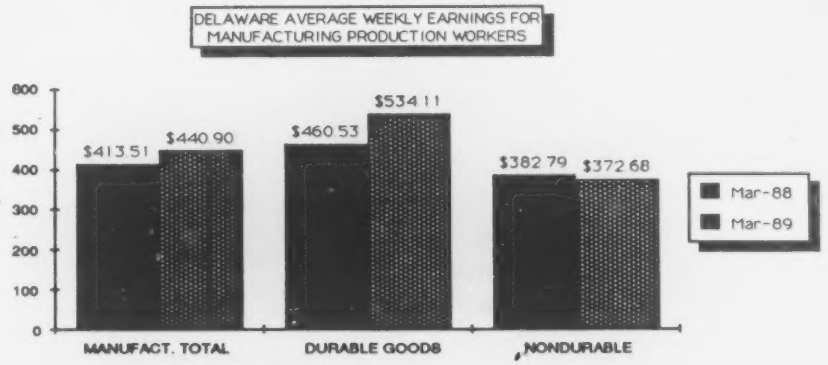
Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased due to seasonal factors in March, though at a slower pace than in 1988, ending the quarter at 336,300. Increases occurred in Services (especially in Health Services), State Government (Education), and in the Construction Sector (Heavy Contract Construction).

Over the year gains were greatest in Finance,Insurance and Real Estate (Banking) and Services (Health Services).

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 286,300 over the quarter, experienced increases over the quarter similar to the Statewide figures.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from January through March ($428.67 to $440.90). Average weekly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in Delaware were up by 7.6% from March of 1988. Some industries performed counter to this trend: Primary & Fabricated Metals, Paper and Allied Products, Printing and Publishing, Chemicals, and Rubber & Plastics were manufacturing industries experiencing lower weekly earnings over March year-ago levels.



Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 40.1 hours, which was slightly higher than the same quarter of 1988(39.7). Hourly wages were higher than in 1988 throughout the quarter.

Wilmington PMSA weekly hours for the quarter averaged 42.0 hours, up slightly from the same quarter 1988 (40.4). Hourly wages were somewhat higher in February and March year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the first quarter of 1989 totaled 63,498 with a benefit amount of $9,[illegible]1,583 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment decreased to $157.00. Continued claims count registered 61,500 during the quarter, which were significantly lower than the 86,200 claimants during the first quarter of 1988.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the first quarter, registering 126.0 in March. The quarterly increase was primarily the result of gains in foods and beverages, other goods and services, and medical care.

Nationally, the March index registered 122.3 for a monthly gain of 0.6 percent and 5.0 percent increase over the year.

National Developments

The **Conference Board's economic forum** predicted that the U.S. economy would continue expanding for the seventh year, but the growth rate will be slower. A similar **survey of 50 economists** predicted that a recession would come later this year or in 1990. None of these economists believed the economy would remain recession free beyond 1991. Another survey, by **Manpower Inc.**, found the outlook for hiring in the second quarter 1989 to be as bright as it was for the second quarter 1988. If this outlook is correct, it means the economic expansion is likely to continue at least through June of 1989.

American industry is using more of its capacity than it has in nearly a decade. Operating rates are approaching levels that could worsen inflation. Thus giving weight to the **Conference Board's** economic forum projection that inflation will rise to 5 percent in 1989 from an estimated 4.2 percent in 1988. Wage increases are beginning to pick up, adding to the inflation fears.

In April , however, the **Producer Price Index** rose only 0.4 percent easing current inflation fears somewhat. Energy prices did climb to their highest level in 15 months, while food prices fell.

Manpower Inc's. survey of more than 14,000 companies, shows that 22 percent of all businesses plan to increase their work force in the coming quarter compared with 21 percent in the year ago quarter. Businesses planning to cut their work force in the first quarter remained flat at 11 percent compared to 12 percent in the first quarter of 1988.

Auto sales in late January rose 5.8 percent but dropped 10.3 percent in February from an unusually strong period of a year ago. This market activity has prompted automakers to set less ambitious production schedules in the coming months. U.S. domestic car and light truck sales dropped 17.3 percent in late March, but jumped 28.3 percent in the first 10 days of April, in part, as a response to cut-rate financing and big rebates introduced by all of the big three automakers. By mid-April sales of domestic autos rose only 5.4 percent, a modest increase considering the discounts being offered are the most generous in nearly two years.

Regional Developments

In mid-January, **Wilmington-Philadelphia commuter rail service** resumed operations after a six year absence. SEPTA makes 14 daily trips from Wilmington to Philadelphia with 13 trips from Philadelphia to Wilmington. After only one month of commuter service, SEPTA and Delaware Transportation Authority Officials were reporting a steady growth in ridership and relatively few complaints.

Construction has begun on a $70 million regional shopping mall north of Salisbury, Md. The project, on 80 acres, will be known as **The Center**. Boscov's, Leggetts, Montgomery Ward, and J. C. Penney will anchor the 120 smaller retail shops, a ten-screen theater and a food court. Construction should be finished by March of 1990.

In about two months, **Schult Homes Corp.** will lay off 120 workers and close its Elkton plant. The Elkton plant's production operations will be moved to Schult's Lewistown, PA. location. However, Schult will continue to employ eight or nine people in sales and service operations at the Elkton site.

Due to lack of contracts, **Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co.** laid off 229 workers at its Eddystone facility in February.

The Cecil County Commissioners approved a $5 million economic development bond to construct a steel processing plant at the upper Chesapeake Corporate Center located on U.S. 40 at the Delaware-Maryland state line. Construction on the **Steel Technologies Inc.** facility is expected to be completed in October or Novem-

The Cecil County Board of Education voted to award a $12.2 million contract to build **Rising Sun High School**. E. E. Murry of Lancaster PA hopes to start construction by the end of April.

State Developments

In late December the **Census Bureau** reported continued strong population growth in the Mid-Atlantic states. Delaware and Maryland especially enjoyed large population increases over the last three years. Maryland increased by 252,000 persons, a 5.7 percent increase and Delaware grew by 34,000 persons, a 5.4 percent increase for the period from July 1985 to July 1988.

Six of Delaware's largest **banks** have agreed to establish a special loan pool to encourage low income housing development. These banks are Bank of Delaware, Mellon Bank Delaware, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, Wilmington Trust Company, Artisans Savings Bank, and Beneficial National Bank. An initial commitment of $5.3 million for 1989 has been made with each bank's share being assessed by a formula based on their assets.

New Castle County -based **Lit Dryden and Associates Inc.** has merged with Sussex County-based **Anderson-Stokes Inc.** to create a statewide realty firm. The merged company will operate under the Anderson-Stokes name and employ 235 licensed real estate agents.

During the past seven years, Delaware led the nation in **commercial bank deposit growth**. According to Wheat First Securities, Delaware had a compound rate of 26.8 percent versus a national rate of 6.2 percent.

The Delaware Private Industry Council has awarded worker-training contracts worth $3.97 million for the 1989 program year. The money is provided under the federal **Job Training Partnership Act**. In addition, $1.58 million in State-funded job training was awarded through the State Blue Collar Jobs Development Act.

Highway officials hope to have more than $160 million worth of work on the U.S. 13 Relief Route under contract by 1990. This includes more than $140 million for the main toll road from north of Smyrna to U.S. 113 at Dover Air Force Base.

New Castle County Developments

The **Wilmington Parking Authority** hired Tevebaugh Associates to design a parking garage for the vacated News Journal site. The garage will be five or six stories to accommodate 800 cars and will be designed so that an additional 300,000 square-feet of office space can be added later. Retail stores will occupy the building's first level and office space might occupy the second level. The initial stage should be ready by 1990; the entire structure may not be finished until 2000.

Newark City Council voted in favor of a 181-unit town house and single-family housing development off Barksdale Road in West Newark. The first units of **Christina Farms** should be completed by early 1990. If favorable markets hold, all buildings should be finished in three years. The Newark City Council also approved a special use permit and rezoning for a **Ramada Inn Hotel** at 630 S. College Ave. The facility will include a restaurant.

United Fruit Co. has given the **Port of Wilmington** $1 million worth of new business. The company's European liners will call at the port once a week unloading general cargo from Europe and loading containerized general cargo for South America. In other port schedulings, it was announced that Chiquita Brands will increase cargoe through the Port of Wilmington by 40 percent. The additional business will mean $250,000 in new annual revenue and added work for about 50 longshoremen. This new business will more than offset trade lost by Del Monte's relocation this April.

The **Berman Development Corp.** is building the second 132-unit phase of its Fox Run Apartments at U.S. 40 and

Delaware 72. The entire Fox Run development will contain 416 units at a cost of $15 million. The company is also building a second apartment complex in New Castle called Scotch Hills in Wilton. Scotch Hills will have 306 units when finished.

The **Newark Planning Commission** recommended Newark City Council approval of Richard duPont's request that 253 acres owned by the duPont family off Curtis Mill Road north of Newark be approved for development of a large office complex, a 50-room hotel and about 170 homes. The land would be annexed by Newark.

A group of prominent Delawareans has teamed up with a Philadelphia based bank holding company to form a new state-chartered bank. The bank will be known as **Guaranty Bank of Delaware** and will trade in New Castle County. It will offer services and specialized financial products to small and medium sized businesses and professionals. The bank hopes to open in downtown Wilmington by the end of 1989 with $5 million in initial capital.

Newark City Council approved a proposal to annex and develop 81 acres along Elkton Road. The landowner agreed to include more open space and alter the placement of some retail shops. The development plans call for a hotel of at least 75 rooms and a shopping center anchored by an Acme store.

FCC National Bank announced in March that it will break ground in early May on a 105,000-square-foot addition to its headquarters at 300 King Street in Wilmington. The new three story structure will adjoin the existing building, roughly doubling its size. Construction should be completed in April of 1990.

The **DuPont Company** will build a 65,000-square-foot addition to its engineering Development Laboratory office building at Maryland Avenue and Beech Street in Wilmington. Construction will begin in August,1989 with completion expected in the spring of 1992.

Pepperidge Farm Inc. will not build a manufacturing plant in the Delaware Industrial Park near Newark. The firm said it was not building because of the time and money needed to manage the wetlands on ten acres of the parcel. Disputes with neighbors over use of a road was not cited as a reason for dropping the plans to build.

The **Port of Wilmington** would grow by 19 acres and add another berth for shipping under a $4.85 million expansion program proposed by the city administration. The money would be used to acquire and improve the former Straight Line Filter property. Mayor's aide Gary Fullman said much of the property would probably be used for banana shipments.

JMB Properties Corp., the owners of **Concord Mall**, announced that they have reached an agreement with Woodlawn Trustees on the development of land on Northern Concord Pike. On 270 acres owned by Woodlawn Trustees, plans call for 500 apartments, 550,000 square feet of office space and 300,000 square feet of commercial-retail space. The mall expansion is scheduled to include two new large department stores and parking decks. The existing Pathmark will move across the Concord Pike and be joined by several other retail stores, a food mart, and a movie theater complex. The Woodlawn Trustees' plan will require rezoning; the changes at the mall will require New Castle County Subdivision Advisory Committee's approval, but no rezoning.

Kao Corp., Japan's largest manufacturer of household and personal care products, has chosen Delaware for its American headquarters. It has set up offices in the Little Falls Center on Centreville Road. Kao is the first major Japanese company to incorporate and locate in Delaware. State officials are hoping this move will encourage other Japanese companies to locate American operations in Delaware.

In April construction began on a 130,000 square-foot office building which will house several subsidiaries of **PNC Financial Corporation**, the parent company of Bank of Delaware. The new four story building will be the

third office building completed in the Bellevue Park Corporate Center. Plans call for four more buildings in the next five years on the former duPont estate. The original mansion is being converted to a conference center and for overnight guest accommodations. Trammell Crow Company and Edward B. DeSeta & Associates are the developers.

Construction of **South Walnut Plaza**, on Walnut St. south of Wilmington's Christina Gateway, is 70 percent completed. The first tenant for the $3.8 million office building/warehouse project is Melco, a Wilmington firm that manufactures disposable garments.

Kent County Developments

The **Acme** grocery store in downtown Dover will be closed by this summer. The low sales volume was the biggest factor in deciding to close the store. In addition, Acme is building a new superstore on U.S. 13 within two miles of the current downtown location. The new store will increase Acme's current employment of 50 to 200 persons and will open early this summer.

Production at **General Foods** will increase by about 20 percent with the transfer of Jell-O Pudding and Stove Top Stuffing operations from the plant closing in Lafayette, Indiana. The expansion will mean six additional production lines and about 135 more employees at the Dover Plant.

The new office building at West Dover's **Greentree Village** is the first of the complex's planned expansion into rental office space. When completed the center will contain 200,000 square feet of office/retail space in two buildings.

In January **Dover Mart Shopping Center** gained May Lim, a dry cleaning and clothing alteration store. In the early summer , O'Toole's restaurant will be opening in about half of the space of the old A&P site.

Pier 1 is moving into Delaware, opening its first store here in March in a strip center at the entrance to Dover Mall. Pier 1 imports goods from about 60 countries, particularly third world nations.

The city of **Dover** will extend its moratorium on rezoning requests that permit commercial development in residential neighborhoods through August 15, 1989. A special meeting will be held no later than May 1 to consider establishing a new zoning classification to handle construction of certain commercial projects near residental area.

Kent County Levy Court has approved rezoning of more than 100 acres behind Dover Downs where 150 modular homes will be assembled. Lots will sell for between $60,000 and $80,000.

As a result of the merger between **Llt Dryden and Associates Inc.** and **Anderson Stokes Real Estate** , a new real estate office is planned for Dover. The merged company plans to establish the Dover office in the next two to three months.

Dover City Council agreed to buy 163 acres, near Scott Paper Co., for **power plant** expansion and possible development of a city park. The agreement was signed and approved earlier by the three owners of the tract and Dover officials. Part of the land may be used to build a 20- megawatt combustion turbine unit that would be operational by June, 1991.

Dover and the balance of Kent County are still gaining new businesses. The **Food City Supermarket** will open April 26 at 1005 N. State Street. On the same day, ground will be broken for the 100-acre **Enterprise Business Park** on Hazlettville Road opposite the General Foods and Scott Paper plants. The park's first building, a 56,000 square-foot office/industrial building, is under construction. A second building is planned as a 114,000 square-foot warehouse and distribution space. A Hechinger home improvements store is scheduled to open in April at the **Centre at Dover** near White Oak Road.

Fairchild Aircraft Corp. is progressing with plans to locate in Dover. Arrangements are underway to com-

plete financing and locate in the Aero-Park Industrial Park. The Insurance Commissioners Economic Development Fund is arranging the financing. The Company's plans call for three buildings, the first of which will be a 42,500 square-foot manufacturing facility.

An **Ames Department Store** opened recently at the new Dover Downs Shopping Center on U.S. 13 in Dover. The 74,000 square-foot anchor store is the first to open in the new strip mall.

The Delaware Development Office has awarded **General Foods Corporation** $94,260 for training workers needed to fill the 135 new jobs at the food production facility in Dover. The training is needed to fill positions created by the current expansion of the Dover operations.

Sussex County Developments

An acute labor shortage in Sussex County is forcing Delaware's largest poultry integrator, **Townsends Inc.**, to expand its processing operations outside of the state. Townsends recently acquired a former Dutch Pantry commissary in Hummells Wharf, PA. By the end of 1989, the company will employ 400 to 500 workers. They will process and package chickens grown on the Delmarva Pennisula.

Sussex County planners recommended approval for another large leisure home community, **Harbour View**. The planning commission approved the 420-acre, 706-home development, to be built on Indian River Bay and White Creek. The community will feature a golfcourse, a 280-slip marina, and a convenience store. The proposed community now goes to Sussex County Council for final approval.

The **Sussex County Airport** has reached a critical crossroads. It will take an estimated $1 million to pave and light the runway for the county-owned airstrip. If nothing is done, the runway and taxi strip will probably deteriorate within a year or two. Federal money is available according to Chuck Kline, the general manager of Delmarva Aircraft. Sussex is looking for $100,000 of State and County funds to use as a match for $900,000 in Federal monies.

Rehoboth Beach now has an outlet center, **Oceans Outlets**, that opened in April. Oceans Outlets has 30 stores. While most outlet centers take 18 months to fill, this outlet was fully leased within eight months. Part of the leasing success can be attributed to the affluent beach population at the Delaware shore. The outlet shops represent the first phase of a develpment project planned for 15 acres along Delaware Route 1. The second phase plans call for 10 upscale fashion manufacturers outlets on three acres. Phase three will be a 20,000 square-foot office building not contiguous to the outlet shops.

In February, **Sears Roebuck & Co.** annouced a new store will replace an existing catalog outlet in Seaford. The Village Shopping Center site will house a 25,000 square-foot retail facility and is expected to be open this summer.

The fifth branch of **Baltimore Trust Company** will open in mid-May at Rehoboth Beach. It will be a full service branch with eight employees. The 3,000 square-foot office will include drive-in and automatic teller facilities.

Two **beach control projects** are expected to be underway this spring. The Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the contract for $1.46 million for a sand pumping system at Indian River Inlet to a New Jersey construction company. The contract includes installing a pipeline and construction of a pumphouse to move sand across Indian River Inlet. This beach restoration system will be operated by a State crew. In another project, The American Dredging Co. is expected to begin pumping sand back on Bethany and South Bethany beaches around the end of May for approximately three months. Several properties suffered serious erosion this winter and spring.

The Delaware State Housing Authority has signed a $2.4 million contract for construction of a 50-unit public housing development in Bridgeville. Construction on the project, **Laverty Lane Apartments**, should begin after

May1. The facility is scheduled to open in the summer of 1990. HUD is providing permanent funding in the form of a $3 million award. Design plans call for 40 two-bedroom apartments, 10 three-bedroom apartments, and an on-site daycare center.

Hess Apparel will open a new 3,200 square-foot store in Rehoboth Beach. The store will employ six to eight people and should open in early June, 1989.

In April, the town of **Selbyville** broke ground on a 38-acre industrial park at the Delaware-Maryland line on U.S. Route 113. The land and improvements were financed in part by a $450,000 item in the state's capital budget. According to Selbyville Mayor Kevin D. Lynch, four firms have signed letters of intent to locate in the new park. These firms are East Coast Security Shutter, Inc. of Ocean City, MD; Parks Machine and Railing, Inc. also of Ocean City; Columbia Fire Systems of Millville; and Quality Tile Design, Inc. of Selbyville.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS QUALITY CONTROL DATA

The Unemployment Insurance Benefits Quality Control review process is a federally mandated program. Benefits Quality Control is a diagnostic tool for use by unemployment insurance staff in identifying errors and their causes and in correcting and tracking solutions to problems. Weekly random samples of unemployment insurance benefits payments are selected and examined thoroughly to determine if they were made to eligible claimants and if these claimants were paid the proper benefit amounts. On the basis of the errors identified, the Division of Unemployment Insurance will be able to develop corrective action plans and implement them to insure the effective and efficient administration of the State's unemployment insurance program laws, rules, and procedures.

A summary of the Benefits Quality Control Data for calendar year 1988 and the cause of benefit overpayments are furnished in Table 1 and Table 2 on the following page.

Based on an analysis of the cause of overpayments that were identified in the quality control sample, the Division of Unemployment Insurance plans to implement corrective action to address the issues of active work search, registration for work, and wage reporting.

Specific initiatives under consideration are:

(1) A requirement for unemployed individuals to submit, for each week of benefits claimed, a "work search verification" form signed by a representative of the employer(s) contacted during the week.

(2) Utilization of a "work search verification" follow-up letter to be randomly sent to employers to validate job contacts made by unemployed individuals.

(3) Enhanced automation of work registration data to enable a cross-match of claimant files between the Division of Unemployment Insurance and the Division of Employment and Training to verify work registration status.

(4) Utilization of an "Earnings Verification" card to be sent to employers to verify any weekly earnings reported by individuals when filing for benefits.

Special Interest Article
Table 1
Unemployment Insurance Benefits Quality Control Data
(CY 1988)

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$35,338,546	
Total Dollars Paid in Sample	$81,566	
Sample Size (# of claims reviewed)	492	
Weeks of Benefits Claimed in Population	213,778	
Weeks of Benefits Claimed in Sample	492	
	Percentage of Dollars	**Confidence Interval**
Proper Payments within Sample	76.5%	+ or - 4.0%
Overpayments within Sample	23.5%	+ or - 4.0%
Total	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.4%	+ or - 0.3%

Special Interest Article
Table 2
Cause of Overpayments
within Sample
(% of Dollars Overpaid)

Claimant failure to properly report wages	19.2%
Employer failure to properly report wages	0.1%
Separation issues, *e.g.* lay-off not due to L.O.W.	5.2%
Failure of claimant to actively seek work	39.9%
Other eligibility issues, *e.g.* registration for work with Division of Employment and Training	35.6%
Total	100%

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
UNITED STATES**	1989	123,428.0	123,181.0	123,264.0 *	116,711.0	116,853.0	117,136.0 *	6,716.0	6,328.0	6,128.0 *	5.4	5.1	5.0 *
	1988	121,035.0	121,165.0	120,936.0	114,055.0	114,273.0	114,129.0	6,980.0	6,892.0	6,807.0	5.8	5.7	5.6
UNITED STATES***	1989	122,095.0	121,906.0	122,223.0 *	114,786.0	115,023.0	115,844.0 *	7,309.0	6,883.0	6,378.0 *	6.0	5.6	5.2 *
	1988	119,742.0	119,942.0	119,957.0	112,139.0	112,460.0	112,867.0	7,603.0	7,482.0	7,090.0	6.3	6.2	5.9
DELAWARE***	1989	352.1	351.8	535.5 *	340.0	339.5	340.4 *	12.1	12.4	13.1 *	3.4	3.5	3.7
	1988	342.2	341.1	345.5	326.0	327.4	331.9	16.2	13.7	13.6	4.7	4.0	3.9
WILMINGTON PMSA***	1989	303.8	303.9	305.2 *	292.2	292.7	293.6 *	11.6	11.1	11.6 *	3.8	3.7	3.8 *
	1988	299.2	298.6	301.1	283.7	285.4	288.1	15.6	13.2	13.0	5.2	4.4	4.3
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY***	1989	4,009.0	4,031.0	4,003.0 *	3,825.0	3,851.0	3,867.0 *	184.0	180.0	136.0 *	4.6	4.5	3.4 *
	1988	3,964.0	3,969.0	3,976.0	3,785.0	3,808.0	3,802.0	178.0	161.0	173.0	4.5	4.0	4.4
NEW YORK***	1989	8,652.0	8,624.0	8,491.0 *	8,170.0	8,152.0	8,099.0 *	482.0	473.0	392.0 *	5.6	5.5	4.6 *
	1988	8,533.0	8,437.0	8,438.0	8,105.0	8,065.0	8,076.0	428.0	372.0	363.0	5.0	4.4	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA***	1989	5,884.0	5,814.0	5,892.0 *	5,592.0	5,533.0	5,642.0 *	292.0	281.0	250.0 *	5.0	4.8	4.2 *
	1988	5,745.0	5,672.0	5,639.0	5,388.0	5,337.0	5,324.0	357.0	335.0	315.0	6.2	5.9	5.6
MARYLAND***	1989	2,487.7	2,477.8	2,492.7 *	2,387.1	2,374.8	2,392.4 *	100.7	103.0	100.3 *	4.0	4.2	4.0 *
	1988	2,426.5	2,436.2	2,439.3	2,306.0	2,317.0	2,329.5	120.5	119.3	109.8	5.0	4.9	4.5

** PRELIMINARY* *** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED* **** NONSEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

NOTE: DATA PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITED STATES DEPT. OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK*
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1989 JAN	1989 FEB	1989 MAR	1988 JAN	1988 FEB	1988 MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	333.2	334.4	336.3	317.4	319.9	324.6
MANUFACTURING	71.5	72.1	71.8	67.4	69.0	69.5
DURABLE GOODS	18.5	18.8	18.6	15.7	17.1	17.4
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0
MACHINERY	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	7.7	8.3	8.1	5.2	6.7	6.6
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	53.0	53.3	53.2	51.7	51.9	52.1
FOOD & KINDRED	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.8
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
CHEMICALS	33.1	33.4	33.4	32.4	32.4	32.7
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	261.7	262.3	264.5	250.0	250.9	255.1
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.9	19.8	20.4	18.6	18.7	20.4
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.7
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.7	2.8	3.4	2.6	2.6	3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.3	11.2	11.2	10.7	10.7	11.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4
COMMUNICATION	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	72.9	72.0	72.5	69.8	69.4	70.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.9	13.0	13.2	12.1	12.2	12.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	7.8	7.9	8.1	7.1	7.2	7.3
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1
RETAIL TRADE	60.0	59.0	59.3	57.7	57.2	57.7
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	9.9	9.3	9.2	9.7	9.0	8.9
FOOD STORES	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.1
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17.5	17.8	18.2	16.3	16.7	17.1
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	31.4	31.6	32.1	28.1	28.2	28.4
BANKING	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.1	16.1	16.2
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.4
REAL ESTATE	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.3	4.4
SERVICES	75.7	76.5	77.3	72.2	73.2	74.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.3
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.4	19.5	19.5	18.6	19.1	19.3
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.3
HEALTH SERVICES	20.9	20.9	21.1	19.6	19.6	19.8
LEGAL SERVICES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.1	4.3	4.3
SOCIAL SERVICES	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.0
OTHER SERVICES	13.3	13.5	14.0	13.1	13.3	13.4
GOVERNMENT	47.6	48.1	48.1	47.3	47.4	48.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	42.0	42.3	42.3	41.4	41.5	42.3
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.7	23.8	23.9	22.9	22.9	23.4
STATE EDUCATION	10.1	10.1	10.3	9.6	9.5	9.9
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.6	13.7	13.6	13.3	13.4	13.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.3	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.6	18.9
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.5	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.8	13.9
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

* Most recent month is preliminary data

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK*
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-3A INDUSTRY GROUP	1989 JAN	1989 FEB	1989 MAR	1988 JAN	1988 FEB	1988 MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	285.4	286.3	287.8	273.9	276.1	279.9
MANUFACTURING	61.1	61.5	61.5	57.2	58.7	59.3
DURABLE GOODS	17.4	17.9	17.7	14.3	15.7	15.9
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
MACHINERY	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.3	8.9	8.8	5.8	7.2	7.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	43.7	43.6	43.8	42.9	43.0	43.4
FOOD & KINDRED	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
CHEMICALS	34.0	34.2	34.2	33.5	33.5	33.8
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
NONMANUFACTURING	224.3	224.8	226.3	216.7	217.4	220.6
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.1	17.0	17.2	16.2	16.3	17.7
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.7
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.6
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	9.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.0	15.1	15.1	14.9	14.9	14.7
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4
COMMUNICATION	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	60.3	60.0	59.7	58.7	58.3	58.7
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.3	10.4	10.5
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.1
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4
RETAIL TRADE	49.5	49.1	48.8	48.4	47.9	48.2
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.6
FOOD STORES	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.7
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.9	14.1	14.4
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	27.4	27.5	27.9	25.0	25.2	25.2
BANKING	15.4	15.6	15.9	14.0	14.0	14.0
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.1
REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.8
SERVICES	66.0	66.7	67.6	63.9	64.9	65.7
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.1	17.6	17.8
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.8
HEALTH SERVICES	19.4	19.4	19.8	17.6	17.7	17.9
LEGAL SERVICES	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.1
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.8
OTHER SERVICES	10.1	10.2	10.5	11.4	11.5	11.5
GOVERNMENT	38.3	38.3	38.6	37.8	37.6	38.4
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.7	33.7	33.9	33.0	32.8	33.6
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.7	15.5	15.8	15.2	14.9	15.3
STATE EDUCATION	8.9	8.7	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.5
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.8
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.0	18.2	18.1	17.8	17.9	18.3
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.7	12.9	12.9	12.5	12.6	12.8
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.5
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

* Most recent month is preliminary data

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1989									
MANUFACTURING	$ 428.67	$ 437.26	$ 440.90	40.1	40.3	39.9	10.69	$ 10.85	$11.05
DURABLE GOODS	497.55	505.17	534.11	38.9	39.1	41.5	12.47	12.92	12.87
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	340.23	344.65	335.05	36.1	37.3	36.3	8.93	9.24	9.23
MACHINERY	418.14	411.80	448.91	40.4	37.2	38.5	10.35	11.07	11.66
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	656.32	654.88	725.69	41.3	40.4	47.4	15.94	16.21	15.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	379.22	388.34	372.68	40.3	41.1	38.7	9.41	9.40	9.63
FOOD & KINDRED	283.38	273.78	267.89	39.8	39.0	36.9	7.12	7.02	7.26
TEXTILE & APPAREL	325.03	313.22	312.04	41.3	39.3	38.1	7.87	7.97	8.19
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	348.10	417.43	312.94	33.7	49.4	35.4	10.27	8.45	8.84
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	337.26	337.44	342.16	36.5	37.0	37.6	9.24	9.12	9.10
CHEMICALS	556.15	564.90	561.96	43.1	42.0	42.0	12.95	13.45	13.38
RUBBER & PLASTICS	447.56	441.12	417.92	46.0	44.2	42.3	9.73	9.98	9.88
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 417.84	$ 424.66	$ 413.51	40.1	40.1	39.9	$ 10.42	$ 10.58	$ 10.63
DURABLE GOODS	458.39	461.13	460.53	38.8	38.3	38.7	11.84	12.04	11.90
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	362.53	366.20	364.69	38.6	39.9	39.7	9.91	9.96	9.89
MACHINERY	418.83	460.15	442.95	39.2	39.6	40.6	10.71	11.62	10.91
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	641.86	592.97	587.10	38.1	39.4	38.0	16.86	15.05	15.45
NONDURABLE GOODS	383.05	399.78	382.79	40.9	41.3	39.1	9.61	9.68	9.79
FOOD & KINDRED	295.82	284.01	280.19	42.2	40.4	37.6	7.01	7.03	6.92
TEXTILE & APPAREL	306.00	310.75	304.07	40.8	41.6	39.8	7.50	7.47	7.64
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	334.62	434.39	364.39	33.0	44.1	35.9	10.14	9.85	10.15
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	356.93	369.91	362.25	33.8	35.5	35.0	10.56	10.42	10.35
CHEMICALS	580.46	583.38	579.90	42.4	42.0	41.9	13.69	13.89	13.84
RUBBER & PLASTICS	462.00	465.59	456.39	44.0	43.8	41.9	10.50	10.63	10.94

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,700 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1989									
MANUFACTURING	$ 525.01	$ 533.48	$ 562.54	41.9	41.1	43.1	$ 12.53	$ 12.98	$12.62
DURABLE GOODS	542.04	548.53	596.56	40.3	38.9	43.8	13.45	14.05	13.62
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	305.53	306.81	311.07	36.9	35.8	36.9	8.28	8.57	8.43
MACHINERY	435.01	426.61	472.29	41.0	37.0	39.0	10.61	11.53	12.11
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	656.32	654.88	725.69	41.3	40.4	47.4	15.94	16.21	15.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	503.86	517.53	503.29	43.7	43.6	42.4	11.53	11.87	11.87
FOOD & KINDRED	298.35	286.27	295.17	44.2	42.6	43.6	6.75	6.72	6.77
TEXTILE & APPAREL	358.23	354.90	358.64	41.6	42.1	41.8	8.57	8.43	8.58
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	428.65	420.66	417.04	39.8	39.5	40.1	10.77	10.65	10.40
CHEMICALS	625.57	636.98	626.70	45.2	44.7	43.4	13.84	14.25	14.44
RUBBER & PLASTICS	471.70	457.00	443.30	46.2	43.9	42.3	10.21	10.41	10.48
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 527.62	$ 526.66	$ 520.80	40.4	40.7	40.1	$ 13.06	$ 12.94	$ 12.99
DURABLE GOODS	502.43	504.78	495.00	37.3	38.5	37.5	13.47	13.15	13.20
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	345.42	347.53	323.69	36.0	36.7	36.7	9.09	8.98	8.82
MACHINERY	426.92	473.14	454.90	38.6	39.2	40.4	11.06	12.07	11.26
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	641.22	591.86	584.39	38.1	39.3	37.8	16.83	15.06	15.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	553.72	551.21	551.66	43.6	43.3	43.2	12.70	12.73	12.77
FOOD & KINDRED	292.92	296.53	305.26	45.7	44.7	47.4	6.39	6.41	6.44
TEXTILE & APPAREL	342.32	344.04	338.67	41.9	41.5	42.3	8.17	8.29	8.03
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	399.65	417.32	408.25	34.1	36.1	36.5	11.72	11.56	11.39
CHEMICALS	768.63	750.68	740.80	47.3	45.8	45.7	16.25	16.39	16.21
RUBBER & PLASTICS	485.15	487.10	483.41	44.3	43.9	41.9	10.90	10.64	11.06

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 25,800 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINARY DATA.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (IN $'S)		
STATE TOTALS *	21,433	19,342	22,723	3,140,521	2,922,395	3,358,667
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	11,281	9,092	10,411	1,718,543	1,437,606	1,604,978
WILMINGTON L.O.	7,841	5,547	4,069	1,166,536	855,358	956,714
NEWARK L.O.	3,440	3,545	4,069	552,007	582,248	648,264
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	3,964	3,915	5,096	539,577	546,485	708,840
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	3,418	3,662	3,958	429,149	495,741	508,693
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT (IN $'S)			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	159	158	157	2447	1783	1642
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	169	166	162	1183	923	787
WILMINGTON L.O.	168	161	158	696	536	460
NEWARK L.O.	170	173	169	487	387	327
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	142	146	148	547	409	389
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	139	143	140	454	247	232

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1989			1988		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	5,000	4,800	5,400	9,600	6,600	5,800
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	200	0	0	4,000	1,600	1,700
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	4,800	4,800	5,400	5,600	5,000	4,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	22,900	20,300	18,300	26,600	30,100	29,500
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	1,700	0	0	7,400	8,600	10,100
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	21,200	20,300	18,300	19,200	21,500	19,400

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1989			1988		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	363.0	362.4	363.9	344.6	344.5	345.5
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	125.7	125.4	126.0	119.3	119.3	119.6
FOOD & BEVERAGES	119.4	120.1	121.7	114.2	113.7	112.7
HOUSING	127.6	127.2	128.9	120.4	120.5	120.7
APPAREL & UPKEEP	111.3	108.9	101.0	109.1	106.9	112.7
TRANSPORTATION	118.5	118.0	118.0	114.5	114.2	114.5
MEDICAL	146.9	147.8	148.8	137.7	138.7	138.4
ENTERTAINMENT	125.9	126.8	127.3	114.8	116.0	116.4
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	152.0	152.1	152.3	140.6	142.7	142.3
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3
YEARLY	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.9
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX.(1976=100)	362.7	364.1	366.2	346.7	347.4	349.0
INDEX.(1982-84=100)	121.1	121.6	122.3	115.7	116.0	116.5
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4
YR. CHANGE (%)	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.0	3.9	3.9

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

2nd Quarter 1989

HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's unemployment rate finished the quarter at 3.8%, maintaining the State's rank as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index increased 4.4 percent in June 1988 from June of last year.

Himont Inc. announced plans to build a 200-acre research center near Elkton, MD.

Hewlett Packard Co. plans to relocate its analytical products division from Avondale, Pennsylvania to Hercules' Little Falls Centre Office Park.

Ground was broken in Dover for a 56,000 square foot office/industrial building at the Enterprise Business Park.

Konica Supplies Manufacturing USA Inc. is building a $25 million manufacturing facility at the Upper Chesapeake Corporate Center, Elkton MD.

The 1990 State Bond Bill will provide $3.3 million for a new high-rise 600-bed prison in New Castle County.

Sussex County Council approved a 639-home development north of Bethany Beach along Salt Pond.

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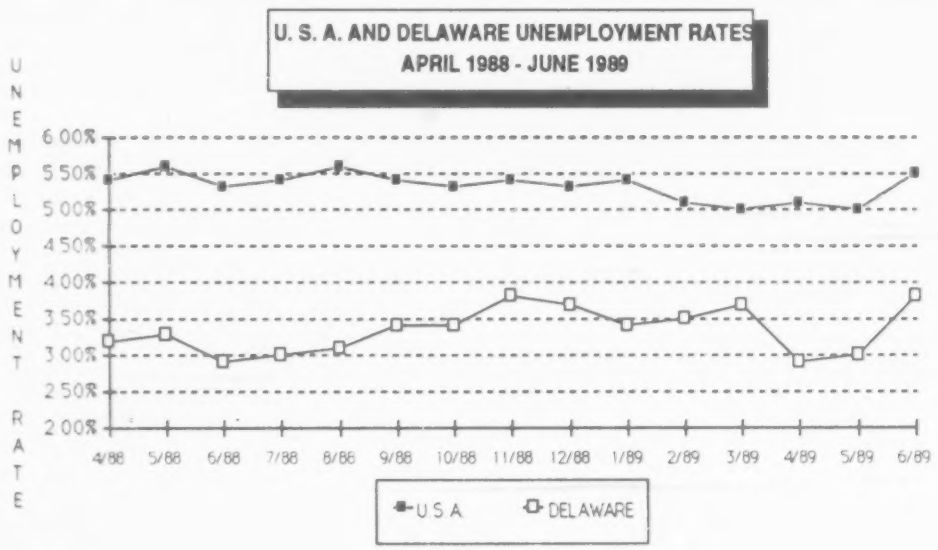
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1: see page 11)

Delaware's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the quarter rose from 2.9 percent in April, to 3.0 percent in May and to 3.8 percent in June. Delaware continues to maintain one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Nationally, the unemployment rate also rose from 5.1 percent in April, ending the quarter at 5.5 percent in June.



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2 AND 2A: see page 12)

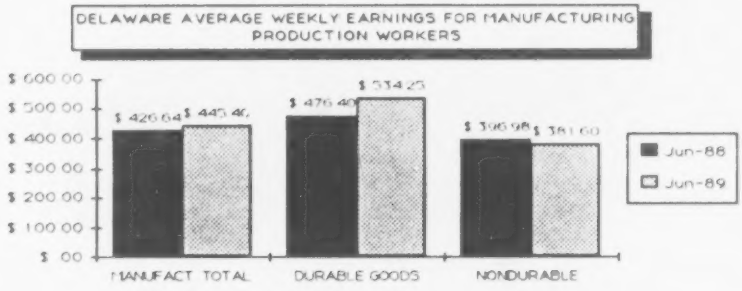
Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased due to seasonal factors in April, May, and June, ending the quarter at 348,000. The largest increases occurred in Services (especially in Health Services); Government (State Government), and in the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (Banking).

Over the year gains were greatest in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (Banking), and Services (Health Services).

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 291,900 over the quarter, experienced increases over the quarter similar to the Statewide figures.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3; see page 14)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from April through June ($431.88 to $445.40). Average weekly earnings for Manufacturing production workers in Delaware were up by 4.4% from June of 1988. Some industries performed counter to this trend: Primary & Fabricated Metals, Paper and Allied Products, Printing and Publishing , Chemicals, and Rubber & Plastics were manufacturing industries experiencing lower weekly earnings over June a year ago levels.



Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 40.4 hours, which was slightly higher than the same quarter of 1988 (39.9). Hourly wages were higher than in 1988 throughout the quarter.

Wilmington MSA weekly earnings for the quarter averaged 41.2 hours, unchanged for the same quarter 1987. Hourly wages were somewhat lower in November and December than the same period a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) (TABLES 4 & 5; see pages 15 and 16)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1989 totaled 40,331 with a benefit amount of $5,360,711 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment decreased to $145.00. Continued claims counts registered 47,500 during the quarter, which were significantly lower than the 61,500 claimants during the first quarter of 1989.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6; see page 16)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the second quarter, registering 128.8 in June. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in all areas.

Nationally, the June index registered 124.1 for a monthly gain of 0.2 percent and 5.2 percent increase over the year.

National Developments

Businesses outside the farm sector in May added only 101,000 new workers to their payrolls, the smallest monthly increases in three years, the Labor Dept. reported. Nearly as many businesses cut their payrolls as expanded them, one of the weakest showings in the past 6 and a half years of economic expansion.

While economists debate whether the economy is headed for a recession or a more gentle "soft landing", a Conference Board report suggests the economy, and inflation, may keep steaming ahead. The latest issue of the Board's "Money: Markets and Policy" cites several indicators of continued economic strength. They include: major surveys that indicate strong capital spending ahead, high consumer confidence, and employment growth that will average about 2% this year, roughly double the 1 % increase in the working age population. Along with a strong economy comes higher inflation, which the report expects will average between 5% and 7% this year, up from last year's 4.1%

Consumer confidence remained relatively high for June, but buying plans continue to soften. Only 6.5% of June respondents said they will buy a car within six months compared to 9% for June of 1988 and 8.5% for May of 1989.

Sales of North American-made cars and trucks fell 9.8% in mid-June from year-earlier levels, indicating that the current round of sales incentives hasn't offset underlying weakness in the market. For the June 21-30 period total sales by the Big Three U.S. Auto Makers fell 22.7% compared with a relatively strong year ago period. For the month of June, total car and truck sales fell 10.8%.

Both GM and Chrysler have indicated they plan to cut production in the third quarter of 1989. Chrysler indicated it will cut production on two models by 15% in late July, and layoff 400 workers indefinitely. GM has ordered extended shutdowns this summer at 14 of 20 U.S. car plants. (Delaware is affected; see New Castle County developments) GM expects to cut production in the third quarter by 14.6% from year ago levels.

Nationally, Chrysler Corporation will retire or lay off 2,300 of its 31,000 salaried management employees by the end of 1989. The attritions are part of a cost cutting program made necessary by sagging sales and a changing market. About 500 of the 3,700 workers employed at the company's Newark plant assembly plant are classified as management.

The nation's major retailers reported strong sales increases in April. Although demand for spring fashions was strong, big-ticket items like appliances registered slower sales. Retail sales increased 0.1% from April to May and then fell 0.4% in June. Consumer spending remained sluggish, particularly for cars and other costly durable goods. July retail sails showed mixed gains with apparel sales posting the largest gains.

In June the major banks cut their prime lending rate one-half percentage point to eleven percent, reversing a year long trend toward higher borrowing costs. Federal Reserve Board officials couldn't be reached for comment and it was unclear whether the central bank had begun carrying out a change in policy. In Early August the big banks finally cut the prime lending rates to 10.5%. General Motors Acceptance Corp. said the lower prime will immediately affect the rate it charges automobile dealers for cars. Economists had been waiting for this cut after the Federal Reserve made clear moves to ease monetary policy in early July.

Regional Developments

Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, Maryland is building a $2 million, 300-seat banquet and meeting room next to its well-known restaurant. The expansion should add 120 jobs to the business. The facility is expected to be opened in July.

A new $25 million manufacturing facility is being devel-

oped by Konica Supplies Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc. The plant location borders the Delaware state line at the Upper Chesapeake Corporate Center, Elkton, MD. The 72,000 square-foot high tech facility is the first phase of a proposed three-phase development plan. Construction of the facility is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1990.

A French luggage company plans a $10 million expansion of its manufacturing plant in Denton, MD. The expansion will create 250 new jobs.

Himont Inc. plans to build a research center on a 200-acre tract near Elkton, Maryland. The company will move about 100 researchers from its research facility near Marshallton to the new center. The new center should be completed in two years.

Rouse & Associates has contracted to buy 1,500 acres in Chester County, PA northwest of U.S. 202 and U. S. 30. Rouse wants to build up to 504 single family houses, 1492 apartments or townhouses, and nearly 8 million square feet of commercial office space. A study by Brandywine Conservatory states that this development threatens the Brandywine River with excess sewage and offers alternative development plans. These plans call for less commercial and residential building and more open space. Rouse contends he may not be able to make a profit with some of the alternative plans.

State Developments

F. W. Dodge Group of Mc Graw-Hill Information Services Co. stated the value of contracts for total construction in Delaware was $61.9 million in April. This is a 45 percent increase from a year ago.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of Bentonville, Arkansas is preparing to enter the Delaware market. Wal-Mart is looking for locations for both a Wal-Mart store and a Sam's Wholesale Club. Stoltz Realty Co. has been working with the Wal-Mart discount division to bring a discount store to Wilmington sometime in 1990 or 1991.

In July Governor Castle announced a $41 million state **mortgage bond program** for home buyers that includes two new initiatives aimed at low income people and buyers with down-payment problems. Banks participating in the program may begin taking applications on July 19th.

Fiscal year 1990 **State Budget highlights** for Delaware and New Castle County include: $7 million for drug and alcchol enforcement, prevention and treatment; $4 million for Housing Development Fund to develop affordable housing statewide; $1.2 million for school dropout programs; $1.04 million for nursing home eligibility under medicaid; $540,000 for troubled-youth programs; and $451,300 for 20 new State Troopers.

State Bond Bill highlights for State Fiscal Year 1990 include: $3.3 million for a new high-rise, 600-bed prison at the Budd Metal site in South Wilmington; $2 million for a minor league stadium near Stanton; and $2 million for a University of Delaware sports and convocation center.

New Castle County Notes

In mid-April the University of Delaware announced plans for a new $6 million building to house the **Academy of Lifelong Learning**. The educational program is for people 55 and older. It has seen a steady increase in enrollment since opening nine years ago. If the University raises enough money from a fund-raising campaign, construction could start in late fall 1989. The building will be located next to Wilcastle Center on Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilmington.

The Richard I. Rubin development firm broke ground in May on a 268,000 square-foot addition to **Christiana Mall** that will expand the mall to 1.16 million square-feet of space. The addition will give the mall a fourth anchor store, John Wanamaker.

Four stores in the three-state Dry Goods chain were sold in mid-May for nearly $14 million to **Schottenstein Stores Corporation**. The stores will be remodeled and renamed Value City. The conversion is expected to take place by late summer 1989.

The $33.7 million **Interstate 495 Edgemoor Interchange** opened in June. Nearby, Leon N Weiner & Associates Inc. is completing a new office building at Governor Printz Boulevard.

On May 22nd, Newark City Council approved **Richard duPont's** annexation request for about 281 acres north of Newark. The Project calls for housing areas of 87 acres, east of Jenny's Run, and one of 13 acres to the West. The 79-acre complex will be built across Curtis Mill Road from Louviers. The 9-acre hotel and restaurant complex will be located near Milford Crossroads To ease traffic congestion fears, the plan calls for buildings to be phased in with road improvements to minimize the impact.

The Pike Creek Office of B. Gary Scott, Realtors recently announced a new community of homes off **Old Paper Mill Road** opposite Curtis Paper Company. Sample homes are currently under construction at Nonantum Mills with scheduled completion of the first ten houses by the end of September. Two hundred and ten homes are planned for the West Newark development.

The University of Delaware board of trustees recently approved a resolution making available 40 acres of University land adjacent to Library Road and the railroad in Newark for the **High Tech Composites Park**. Paul W. Pendorf, an ICI executive on loan, will be responsible for developing a business plan for the park, identifying potential park tenants, and coordinating project participation and general promotional activities.

Westvaco Corp.'s envelope division opened a branch printing office recently in Delaware. The facility has the capacity to eventually print 3.75 million envelopes a day. The new branch is located in the Southgate Industrial Park off Boulden Boulevard near New Castle. More than 20 employees will work at the plant in three shifts.

In June, Pickett Hotel Company sold its 229-suite hotel at Delaware Avenue and Washington Street in downtown Wilmington to the **Marriott Lodging Group**. Hotel construction was expected to be finished in late summer, with opening scheduled for early September. Hiring of the approximately 100 staff positions began in early July.

General Motors idled Wilmington's 4,000 workers for three or four weeks in July and August. Previously the company hadn't planned any model-changeover shutdown.

Marine Midland Bank said it will shift its national credit card service operations and 130 jobs from Wilmington, Delaware to Buffalo, New York. By combining the credit card unit's Delaware and Buffalo operations, Marine hopes to reduce operating expenses and improve service. The consolidation will eliminate about 160 jobs in Delaware. Some of the employees will be given the opportunity to move to Buffalo, but most of the jobs will be filled by new hiring.

Construction has started on a $9 million building at the **Westgate Corporate Center** off Interstate 95 next to the Christiana Hospital. The building is the first in a park zoned to permit 1.8 million square-feet of office and commercial space. Bellevue Properties officials describe Westgate as a 10 year, $300 million project including office buildings, a conference center, support hotels and restaurants. Bellevue Properties will develop the land as tenants become available. However, Bellevue does not yet have a tenant for Westgate's three-story 97,195 square-foot first building, which is scheduled for completion in April 1990.

Hewlett-Packard Co. plans to relocate its analytical products division from Avondale, Pa. to a 100-acre site off Centerville Road, west of Wilmington. More than 700 new jobs will come to Delaware. Pending necessary approvals, Hewlett-Packard will become one of the state's top employers. Building plans for the new location, which will be part of Hercules' Little Falls Centre Office Park, have not been determined, but the company will need more than 250,000 square feet of office and research space. The cost will be more than $25 million. The company hopes to move by 1992.

The long awaited **North-South relief route** took its first step toward actual road construction when the Department of Transportation called for bids for a bridge on New Castle 30. The bridge will be the first of five to be constructed prior to road construction and should be started by August. Work should begin on the other bridges in the Fall.

Kent County Developments

On April 26th, **Enterprise Business Park** officially arrived in Dover with a ground-breaking ceremony. Construction of the park's first building - a 56,000 square-foot structure designed for both office and industrial use - is well underway. Completion is scheduled for July 1, 1989. The development firm of Emory Hill Associates already has planned the park's second building. Construction will start on June 1 and be completed in November.

Renovations to **Liberty Court** have been put on a "fast track" by federal housing officials. Martha S. Harris, State Director of Housing, said that a meeting between state and federal officials resulted in an informal assurance from David W. Buches, director of assisted housing development in the Philadelphia regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Buches also said that HUD would approve the architectural contract in a week and the project's budget would be approved in a month.

Developer Peter O. Brockstedt has broken ground for an 85,000 square-foot business and industrial development off of Division Street next to the West Elementary School. The development will be named **West Dover Business Center**. The six and one-half acre site will eventually contain four or five buildings. The first building will be subdivided into 10 spaces of 1,320 square-feet each, suitable for office, showroom, warehouse or other light industrial use. Cost of the building will be $350,000. The development Fund loan of $3.3 million by the State Housing Council on June 14. The units should be ready for occupancy in early December.

Kedeco Corp. Inc., the real estate development arm of **Kent General Hospital**, will break ground for a three-story office building along South State Street in Central Dover's historic district. The tenant mix is expected to include a variety of professional and corporate tenants from both the medical and non-medical professions. Construction should start immediately with occupancy in February, 1990.

Two housing developments totaling 700 units on 360 acres have been proposed for the Lake Forest School District south of Dover. **Teevan Holding Co. Inc.** wants to develop 120 acres of land on Delaware 15 just south of Coursey Pond as part of Waterside. Rezoning approval is needed. The development calls for clustering of town houses and semi-detached houses to allow a feeling of openness. The second development of 240 acres calls for 320 town houses on 37.9 acres and 280 single family detached homes on an adjoining 201 acres. Both developments will be phased in slowly.

After more than two years of planning, public health officials broke ground in early July for a 29,000 square-foot laboratory on the grounds of **Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill** in Smyrna. Johnson Construction Management Services Inc. won the contract as construction manager. However, officials are still reviewing bids on 15 other contracts to be awarded for the project, which will cost more than $5 million and take at least one year to complete.

Kent County had several projects funded by the annual **State Bond Bill**. The largest of these projects are: $5.5 million for Delaware State College's library addition; $2.6 million for completion of science labs at Delaware Tech's Terry Campus; $2 million to expand and renovate Legislative Hall; $1 million toward a civic center in Dover; $1 million for the Kent County Aeropark runway to the Civil Air Terminal; and $405,000 to begin conversion to a full-time vo-tech high school (shared with Sussex County).

Sussex County Developments

Dale Jenkins, a Rehoboth Beach real estate broker and developer, expects to complete more than $1 million in renovations to the **New Devon Inn** in Lewes in time to open in May. The inn will have 26 hotel rooms, six retail shops and two conference rooms. There will also be a restaurant on the first floor.

A partnership headed by a Baltimore real estate developer has purchased **498 acres of resort-area land** near Bethany Beach for $7 million. James J. Ward III and his firm haven't announced plans for the land. Nearby properties in recent years have been the site of development of single-family dwellings, most of them vacation homes.

Paul Curtis Stokes, III announced the merger of Cape Resorts Realty, Inc., a firm operating in Lewes, into **Anderson-Stokes Inc.** effective May 1. The newly merged sales and rental office will be located in the current Cape Resort Office and will be known as the Anderson-Stokes Lewes Office. Additional agents will be added to the current combined staffs. Anderson-Stokes Inc. has also merged with Wagamon & Co. Realtors. The merger adds eight to ten sales agents to Anderson-Stokes Rehoboth area operations.

Sussex County Council approved creation of up to 550 homes on the remote waterfront land known as **"The Banks Property"**. The decision allows Linder & Co., a partnership that owns the land, to develop fewer than the 706 homes it had originally proposed. The community is to be called Harbour View. Plans for a marina on the site must still be approved by the State.

The member-owned **Delaware Electric Cooperative** cannot generate enough money to keep up with growth and customer demand, General Manager E. Paul Bienvenue told the Public Service Commission. Bienvenue said the Cooperative is looking to borrow $24 million for capital improvements. Customer growth has averaged 5 percent a year, but shows signs of tapering off. The Greenwood based Cooperative serves more than 40,000 customers in the unincorporated areas of Kent and Sussex Counties. The utility is shopping for a site to build a new headquarters in the Millsboro area and plans to extend distribution and transmission lines with the money they are seeking.

Sussex County had three major projects funded under the **State's 1990 bond bill**. The largest of these projects was a $2 million allocation for a higher education building at Delaware Tech's Southern Campus. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars was also earmarked for a also earmarked for a center where Sussex County firefighters can practice extinguishing fires. The third major allocation was $405,000 to begin conversion to a full-time Vocational-Technical high school (to be shared with Kent County). The Sussex County Vocational-Technical School Board wants to switch to full-time by September 1991. Total costs for the conversion in Sussex are estimated at $5 million.

A plan to allow a **639-home development** north of Bethany Beach was approved in July by Sussex County Council. The decision clears the way for one of the biggest housing projects in Sussex County history. It is planned by a group of mostly local investors for 379 acres along Salt Pond. County Administrator, Robert Stickels said at least 75 percent of the homes should be single units, but all of them could be single units. In addition to the homes, a small shopping center will be built.

SPECIAL INTEREST NOTICE

Two new publications are being published by Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information and the Delaware Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (DOICC).

A new publication, titled **Delaware Jobs 2000**, is nearing completion at the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information. It is expected to be completed in October and will provide industry and occupational projections for the State for the year 2000 with a 1987 base for comparisons. These projections should be helpful to educational and economic development planners and

labor market analysts in assessing the dynamics of Delaware's labor market. Industries will be segmented to the three digit SIC code level and detailed occupational projections will also be provided. If you are interested in obtaining a copy please send a written request to : **OOLMI Employment Projections, P.O. Box 9029, University Office Plaza, Newark, DE 19714**.

On September 6, Governor Michael N. Castle kicked off "Delaware Career Compass Week" by introducing the Delaware Department of Labor and the Delaware Occupational Information Coordinating Committee's newest career planning tool, the **Delaware Career Compass**. This tabloid formatted publication is designed to show students that while finding a job may be easy, getting a job you like is a whole different story. It takes students from the very early stages of the career planning process all the way to the job interviewer's office... and beyond. Forty-thousand copies of the Career Compass have been produced by the Delaware Department of Labor's Occupational Information Coordinating Committee and are currently being distributed by the Delaware Army National Guard to every Delaware high school, Job Service office and Vocational Rehabilitation agency.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UNITED STATES**	1989	123,659.0	123,610.0	124,102.0 *	117,113.0	117,215.0	117,541.0 *	6,546.0	6,395.0	6,561.0 *	5.3	5.2	5.3 *
	1988	121,328.0	121,203.0	121,524.0	114,660.0	114,403.0	115,001.0	6,668.0	6,800.0	6,523.0	5.5	5.6	5.4
UNITED STATES***	1989	122,576.0	123,196.0	125,569.0 *	116,347.0	117,039.0	118,719.0 *	6,229.0	6,156.0	6,850.0 *	5.1	5.0	5.5 *
	1988	120,264.0	120,775.0	123,028.0	113,905.0	114,222.0	116,209.0	6,359.0	6,553.0	6,819.0	5.3	5.4	5.5
DELAWARE***	1989	355.6	357.0	363.2 *	345.2	346.4	349.2 *	10.4	10.6	14.0 *	2.9	3.0	3.8
	1988	343.0	348.0	353.1	333.2	338.3	343.1	9.8	9.7	10.0	2.9	2.8	2.8
WILMINGTON PMSA***	1989	305.4	304.7	307.3 *	296.1	295.2	294.1 *	9.3	9.5	13.2 *	3.1	3.1	4.3 *
	1988	297.8	300.3	302.9	288.4	290.3	292.6	9.4	10.0	10.3	3.2	3.3	3.4
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY***	1989	3,960.0	3,972.0	4,038.0 *	3,818.0	3,852.0	3,872.0 *	142.0	120.0	166.0 *	3.6	3.0	4.1 *
	1988	3,953.0	3,966.0	4,022.0	3,828.0	3,817.0	3,876.0	125.0	149.0	147.0	3.2	3.8	3.6
NEW YORK***	1989	8,647.0	8,587.0	8,771.0 *	8,166.0	8,139.0	8,360.0 *	480.0	448.0	411.0 *	5.6	5.2	4.7 *
	1988	8,238.0	8,284.0	8,570.0	7,955.0	7,943.0	8,280.0	283.0	341.0	290.0	3.4	4.1	3.4
PENNSYLVANIA***	1989	5,840.0	5,854.0	5,981.0 *	5,606.0	5,598.0	5,709.0 *	234.0	256.0	272.0 *	4.0	4.4	4.6 *
	1988	5,680.0	5,661.0	5,814.0	5,419.0	5,380.0	5,487.0	261.0	281.0	327.0	4.6	5.0	5.6
MARYLAND***	1989	2,497.3	2,503.1	2,566.6 *	2,403.1	2,405.9	2,455.6 *	94.2	97.2	111.0 *	3.8	3.9	4.3 *
	1988	2,453.8	2,451.7	2,488.1	2,342.7	2,337.0	2,373.7	111.0	114.7	114.4	4.5	4.7	4.6

*PRELIMINARY ** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED *** NONSEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NOTE: DATA PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITED STATES DEPT. OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1989 APR	1989 MAY	1989 JUN	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	340.7	342.3	346.0	326.8	329.6	336.3
MANUFACTURING	72.1	72.1	72.7	69.6	69.5	70.5
DURABLE GOODS	19.0	18.9	19.1	17.4	17.3	17.5
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
MACHINERY	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.3	8.1	8.3	6.6	6.5	6.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	53.1	53.2	53.6	52.2	52.2	53.0
FOOD & KINDRED	9.2	9.2	9.5	8.9	8.9	9.2
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
CHEMICALS	33.3	33.3	33.3	32.7	32.9	33.2
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.9
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	268.6	270.2	275.3	257.2	260.1	265.8
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.7	21.8	21.2	21.2	21.6	22.2
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	6.0
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.5	11.7	11.4	11.7	11.9	12.3
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	13.9	14.2
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.5
COMMUNICATION	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	73.8	74.2	76.0	70.7	72.0	73.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	13.2	13.3	13.5	12.4	12.4	12.6
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	8.2	8.3	8.4	7.3	7.3	7.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
RETAIL TRADE	60.6	60.9	62.5	58.3	59.6	61.0
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.8
FOOD STORES	9.5	9.3	9.5	8.9	9.0	8.9
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.3
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	18.6	19.3	20.4	17.6	18.8	20.4
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.3	8.3	8.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	32.3	32.8	33.5	28.4	28.8	29.4
BANKING	18.7	19.0	19.5	16.3	16.4	16.8
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.4
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.9	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.5
REAL ESTATE	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.7
SERVICES	78.3	78.9	81.1	74.9	75.8	77.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.5	19.7	20.3	19.3	19.4	19.7
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.2
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.3	3.8	4.4	3.1	3.3	4.0
HEALTH SERVICES	21.1	21.1	21.3	19.9	20.0	20.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.2
SOCIAL SERVICES	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
OTHER SERVICES	14.3	14.7	15.1	13.5	14.0	14.5
GOVERNMENT	48.2	48.6	49.5	47.9	47.9	48.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.9
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	42.4	42.7	43.5	42.1	42.1	42.9
STATE GOVERNMENT	24.0	24.2	24.7	23.3	23.3	23.7
STATE EDUCATION	10.4	10.4	10.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.6	13.8	14.1	13.5	13.5	13.9
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.4	18.5	18.8	18.8	18.8	19.2
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.6	13.7	13.6	13.8	13.8	13.9
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.8	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	290.3	291.0	294.3	281.8	283.0	285.8
MANUFACTURING	61.6	61.3	61.7	59.3	59.2	59.7
DURABLE GOODS	18.0	17.7	17.9	15.8	15.8	15.9
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
MACHINERY	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.9	8.7	8.9	7.1	7.1	7.0
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	43.6	43.6	43.8	43.5	43.4	43.8
FOOD & KINDRED	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1
CHEMICALS	34.0	34.0	34.1	33.8	34.0	34.2
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.5
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
NONMANUFACTURING	228.7	229.7	232.6	222.5	223.8	226.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.3	18.6	18.6	18.2	18.7	19.0
GENERAL BLDG. CONT	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.0
HEAVY CONST. CONT	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.9
SPECIAL TRADE CONT	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.1
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.2	15.1	15.4	14.9	14.7	15.0
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.4
COMMUNICATION	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	60.2	60.0	60.6	59.2	59.6	59.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.8	10.8	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.7
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.3
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4
RETAIL TRADE	49.4	49.2	49.7	48.5	49.0	48.8
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.2	8.0	8.1	7.5	7.5	7.4
FOOD STORES	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.6	15.0	15.2	14.7	15.1	15.3
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.7	6.8	6.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	28.0	28.3	29.0	25.2	25.5	26.1
BANKING	16.0	16.2	16.6	14.1	14.2	14.5
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.2
REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.1
SERVICES	68.3	68.8	69.7	66.7	67.0	68.1
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	17.7	17.6	18.3	17.9	17.9	18.1
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	3.0
HEALTH SERVICES	19.7	19.8	19.9	18.0	18.1	18.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8
OTHER SERVICES	10.8	11.0	11.2	11.6	11.9	12.2
GOVERNMENT	38.5	38.9	39.1	38.1	38.1	38.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	34.0	34.2	34.4	33.4	33.4	33.5
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.8	15.9	16.2	15.2	15.3	15.3
STATE EDUCATION	9.0	9.0	9.2	8.4	8.5	8.5
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.2	18.3	18.2	18.2	18.1	18.2
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.9	13.0	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.6
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

1989

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
MANUFACTURING	$ 431.88	$ 434.16	$ 445.40	40.1	40.2	40.9	$ 10.77	$ 10.80	$10.89
DURABLE GOODS	486.04	509.90	534.25	38.8	40.5	42.2	12.55	12.59	12.66
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	347.26	351.92	349.11	37.3	37.8	37.1	9.31	9.31	9.41
MACHINERY	448.37	453.19	497.88	39.4	38.9	42.7	11.38	11.65	11.66
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	602.41	644.70	685.25	38.2	42.0	44.7	15.77	15.35	15.33
NONDURABLE GOODS	391.14	381.35	381.80	41.0	40.1	40.0	9.54	9.51	9.54
FOOD & KINDRED	300.42	279.18	289.78	41.9	39.6	40.3	7.17	7.05	7.19
TEXTILE & APPAREL	320.40	325.85	315.20	39.9	41.0	39.4	8.03	7.95	8.00
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	344.47	400.47	382.06	37.2	39.3	34.9	9.26	10.19	10.40
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	329.24	330.32	320.76	36.3	36.1	35.6	9.07	9.15	9.01
CHEMICALS	582.00	546.81	553.92	42.7	41.3	41.9	13.63	13.24	13.22
RUBBER & PLASTICS	400.25	432.82	408.00	40.8	42.6	40.8	9.81	10.16	10.00
				1988					
MANUFACTURING	$ 419.49	$ 419.89	$ 428.64	39.8	39.5	40.4	$ 10.54	$ 10.63	$ 10.61
DURABLE GOODS	462.39	472.75	476.40	38.5	39.2	39.7	12.01	12.06	12.00
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	398.01	393.61	386.91	39.8	39.4	40.9	9.95	9.99	9.46
MACHINERY	438.99	451.45	448.52	39.8	40.2	40.3	11.03	11.23	11.08
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	589.42	616.22	629.46	37.4	39.1	39.0	15.76	15.76	16.14
NONDURABLE GOODS	390.17	384.87	396.98	40.6	39.8	40.8	9.61	9.67	9.73
FOOD & KINDRED	288.34	274.71	288.52	41.2	39.3	41.1	6.95	6.99	7.02
TEXTILE & APPAREL	302.44	308.66	315.24	39.9	41.1	41.1	7.58	7.51	7.67
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	348.00	432.85	467.43	34.8	41.7	35.5	10.00	10.38	10.35
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	368.78	364.00	392.92	35.7	34.7	37.6	10.33	10.49	10.45
CHEMICALS	572.98	572.42	581.70	42.1	41.6	42.0	13.61	13.78	13.85
RUBBER & PLASTICS	459.65	392.74	463.95	43.2	37.8	42.8	10.64	10.39	10.84

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,600 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

1989

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
MANUFACTURING	$ 521.89	$ 535.25	$ 546.88	40.3	41.3	42.1	$ 12.95	$ 12.96	$12.99
DURABLE GOODS	522.58	551.06	584.47	38.2	40.4	42.6	13.68	13.64	13.72
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	317.53	328.80	331.26	37.4	38.1	37.6	8.49	8.63	8.81
MACHINERY	489.28	475.50	524.45	39.5	39.2	43.2	11.88	12.13	12.14
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	602.80	644.70	684.80	38.2	42.0	44.7	15.78	15.35	15.32
NONDURABLE GOODS	518.50	518.11	504.19	42.5	42.2	41.6	12.20	12.23	12.12
FOOD & KINDRED	291.41	305.70	310.37	43.3	43.3	43.9	6.73	7.06	7.07
TEXTILE & APPAREL	357.43	356.59	340.75	42.5	42.1	39.9	8.41	8.47	8.54
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	398.53	382.35	405.16	38.1	35.7	36.9	10.46	10.71	10.98
CHEMICALS	672.75	659.34	642.14	45.0	44.4	43.3	14.95	14.85	14.83
RUBBER & PLASTICS	418.95	449.88	420.16	40.4	38.4	40.4	10.37	10.81	10.40
				1988					
MANUFACTURING	$ 522.80	$ 527.08	$ 543.15	40.0	39.9	40.9	$ 13.07	$ 13.21	$ 13.28
DURABLE GOODS	497.96	515.32	524.96	37.3	38.2	38.8	13.35	13.49	13.53
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	337.55	342.04	339.89	37.8	37.3	38.8	8.93	9.17	8.76
MACHINERY	449.48	466.06	459.15	39.6	39.8	40.1	11.35	11.71	11.45
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	587.02	614.23	627.78	37.2	38.9	38.8	15.78	15.79	16.18
NONDURABLE GOODS	552.98	540.06	582.48	43.2	41.8	43.2	12.80	12.92	13.02
FOOD & KINDRED	316.01	323.57	332.15	49.3	49.4	49.5	6.41	6.55	6.71
TEXTILE & APPAREL	325.68	323.82	335.38	41.7	42.0	42.4	7.81	7.71	7.91
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	413.04	410.08	442.34	36.2	34.9	38.1	11.41	11.75	11.61
CHEMICALS	743.25	736.08	740.99	45.1	44.8	44.8	16.48	16.43	16.54
RUBBER & PLASTICS	466.96	394.00	467.93	43.8	37.1	42.5	10.71	10.62	11.01

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 25,500 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINARY DATA.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS
FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (IN $'S)		
STATE TOTALS *	13,842	12,405	14,084	2,001,179	1,790,709	2,068,823
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	6,303	5,579	7,560	955,267	856,348	1,149,577
WILMINGTON L.O.	3,971	3,596	4,779	594,556	539,637	714,306
NEWARK L.O.	2,332	1,983	2,781	360,711	316,711	435,271
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	2,973	2,572	2,349	386,696	320,836	296,795
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	2,241	2,008	1,786	280,926	246,236	218,802
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT (IN $'S)			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	153	154	158	807	792	1,129
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	157	161	161	389	386	624
WILMINGTON L.O.	155	157	157	240	231	370
NEWARK L.O.	161	168	169	149	155	254
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	139	136	137	169	169	189
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	139	140	147	109	104	132

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1989			1988		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
TOTAL COUNT	3,400	3,200	3,400	4,500	4,300	4,000
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	1,600	1,600	1,500
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	3,400	3,200	3,400	2,900	2,700	2,600
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
TOTAL COUNT	19,000	14,000	14,500	19,200	19,000	19,700
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	6,500	6,900	8,100
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	19,000	14,000	14,500	12,700	12,100	11,600

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1989 APR	1989 MAY	1989 JUNE	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUNE
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	366.0	369.4	372.1	346.6	349.2	352.2
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	126.7	127.9	128.8	120.0	120.9	121.9
FOOD & BEVERAGES	122.3	123.1	125.0	114.4	115.1	116.1
HOUSING	128.4	129.5	131.3	121.5	122.3	125.2
APPAREL & UPKEEP	102.7	122.9	123.3	107.9	109.2	104.6
TRANSPORTATION	120.2	123.2	123.7	114.2	115.1	114.8
MEDICAL	151.1	152.0	155.1	139.8	140.7	140.7
ENTERTAINMENT	129.2	129.3	127.9	116.9	119.9	121.1
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	153.8	153.6	153.9	143.4	143.3	143.5
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.8
YEARLY	5.6	5.8	5.7	3.9	3.9	3.8

	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX.(1976=100)	368.8	370.8	371.7	350.8	352.0	353.5
INDEX.(1982-84=100)	123.1	123.8	124.1	117.1	117.5	118.0
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4
YR. CHANGE (%)	5.1	5.4	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.0

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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